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Budget, calendar and high school updates heard

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee considered the updated budget, proposed 2024-2025 calendar, and policy changes during their meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand led the budget hearing for the fiscal year 2025 school department budget. He thanked those involved in putting the budget plan together. Some key factors of the budget he shared included inflation driving up the cost of operating the schools, programs, and services; the impact of COVID learning loss; and taking on more of a social service agency in the community.

Brand displayed enrollment numbers over the last decade compared to the total number of staff in order to show that while enrollment declined, so had the number of general education staff employed by the district. Meanwhile, they increased the headcount for special education teachers, educational assistants, and guidance and social workers.

The current enrollment was 2,760 students, and he pointed out that over 30 students had returned to the district this year.

In personnel changes, they were proposing an increase of $1.6 million due to steps and lane increases over $900,000 and salary increases by over $1 million. The salary changes amounted to an increase by 4.24 percent.

Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero explained this budget would employ 490 FTEs, which does not equal 490 staff members as not every position is full-time.

In non-salary expenses, Brand said the total cost was about $10 million between out-of-district education, information technology, student transportation, and electricity. Ruggiero added that this would show an increase by 3.75 percent. He also listed proposed capital requests adding up to $484,000 including Chromebook replacements, projectors, wireless upgrades, and replacing a minivan.

Brand assured the committee this budget would support highly qualified staff for students, educating as many students in district as possible, increased support for English Language Learners, access to athletics, transportation, and extracurricular activities without fees, and wrap-around services.

Stephen Turner highlighted the change in special education needs in town, and that the decision to keep as many students in-district as possible was good for the budget.

"The more capacity that we develop in-district, the fewer we need to send to out-of-district placements which are enormously expensive," he said.

He went on to say that other districts see a much higher budget increase — between 8 and 10 percent — while Wilmington's is only 3.75 percent.

The committee voted to approve the superintendent's proposed budget.

Brand shared the annual fiscal year 2025 SEEM budget and tuition rate as required, though he explained that no action was required for the committee. Turner pointed out the district currently has 53 students placed out of district, five of whom are in SEEM.

In their first review of new policies, Chair David Ragsdale said there were no substantive changes, just updates to language and references. These policies would come up again for a second reading.

This discussion led into the second reading of the 2024-2025 school year calendar. Brand first responded to a few questions from the first reading about Good Friday and the Friday before Labor Day, clarifying there is no language in the contract about these particular holidays. He also mentioned the town looked into other voting locations besides the high school while the town hall/school administration building is being built, one being the Shriner's which was not considered because of parking lot sharing with Amazon.

Then, he previewed the two different calendars prepared that night, which he said both have two professional development days in the beginning of the school year, and no school on the Friday before Labor Day, Good Friday, or Nov. 5 for the presidential election. The main difference was that one showed a half day on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and the other showed a full holiday.

Ragsdale recalled that the committee members previously agreed on Dec. 23 as a holiday but had to decide about the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. A contributing factor in this discussion was that the last day of school would be June 16 if Nov. 27 were a holiday.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi asked for potential other options around election day, as he was concerned about shutting down the whole district for one day when the only impacted school would be the high school. He later proposed waiting to decide about the presidential election holiday.

Brand also pointed out that there are concerns for traffic all over town with school and voting on Nov. 5.

Turner agreed he didn't want to close the entire district that day. However, something that helped him was to rationalize the closure is it would be a one-time thing.

Jesse Fennelly thought perhaps the town looked into other parking options for the presidential election. While he was open to waiting to vote on the calen-

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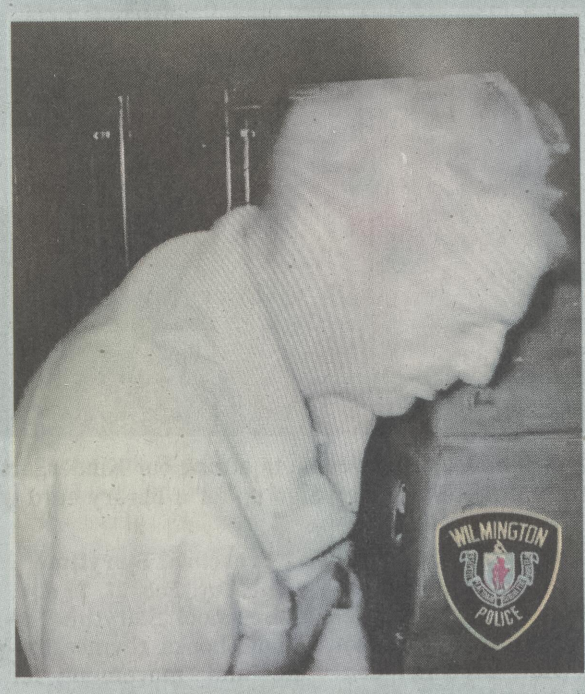
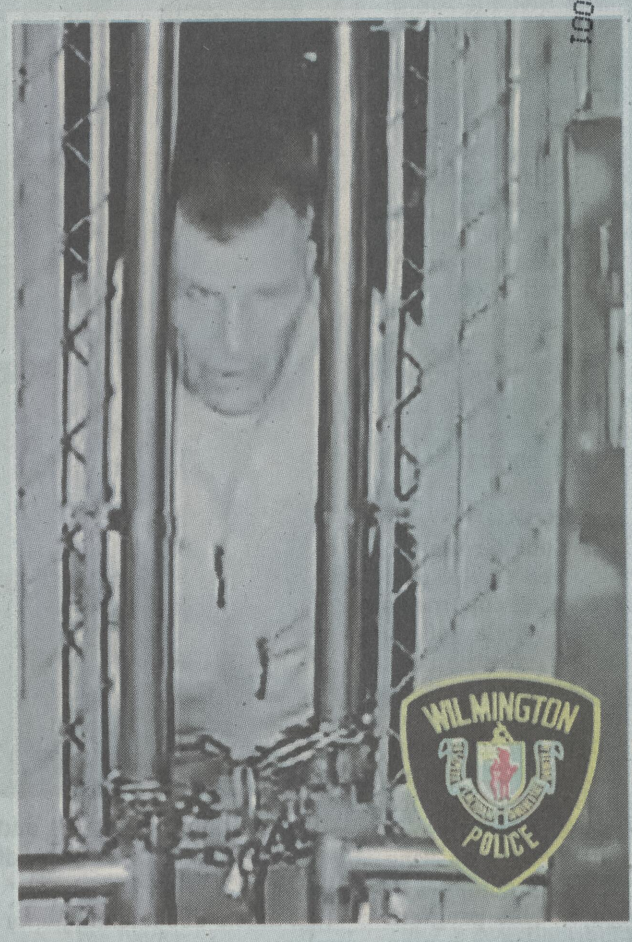
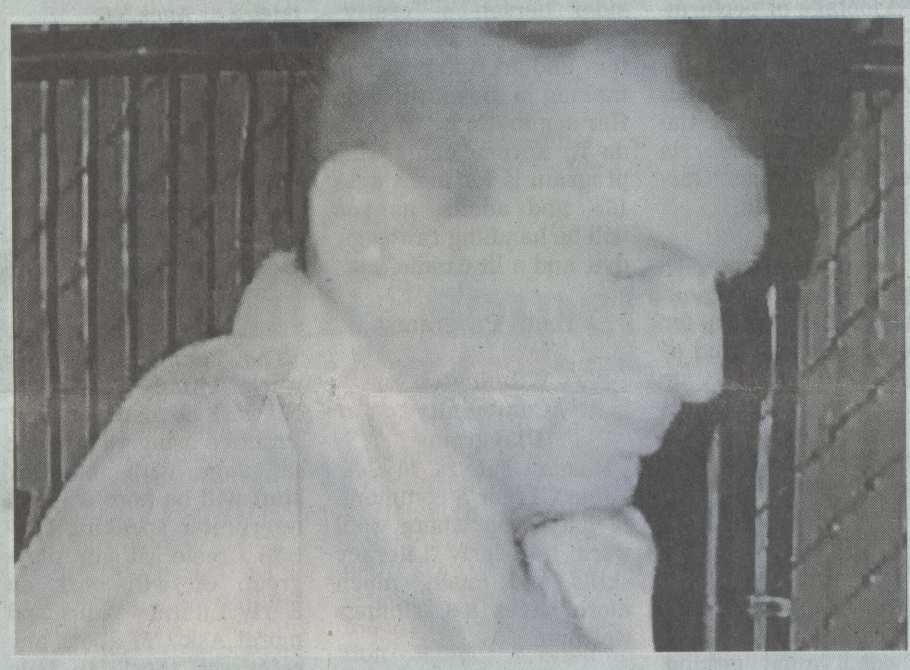
Police search for larceny suspect







Wilmington Police are attempting to identify this man who allegedly committed larceny from a Lowell Street business on Sunday, Feb. 11. According to the police log, a manager at Red Heat Tavern on Lowell Street got a security notification at 5:44 a.m. of a white man in his early/mid 60's taking the restaurant's beer kegs from a fenced-in area in the back. Anyone with information is asked to call Wilmington Police at 978-658-5071.

(Courtesy photos)

School Committee receives superintendent's report

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand's report for the School Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 14 pertained to the Technology Planning Committee and a Special Education presentation.

Brand first invited the district's IT director, Ken Lord, to provide an update on the Technology Planning Committee. Lord said that the committee developed three surveys over the course of their meetings to gather feedback about the technology provided in town and what may be missing. They allowed staff to take one survey and then would be administering a student survey after the February break.

Brand then introduced a presentation for special education planning regarding the Massachusetts School Building Authority process to replace the Wildwood School. He reminded the committee the district realized the need to conduct a coordinated program review as part of the Department of Education's oversight over the school district.

Having conducted that review, they were now looking at all the work that happened relative to the recommendations. This is increasingly relevant as they plan for the Wildwood School in terms of programs to be established there.

Director of Student Support Services Alice Brown-LeGrand explained that the Walker Report was created in an effort to conduct a full program review of their special education programming. Some of the efforts made in response to the Walker Report were the formalization of tiered-focus monitoring, creation of a new coordinator position along with team chairs, making IEPs more user-friendly, incorporating the Ace curriculum, and the use of data collection and intervention with behavioral challenges.

She went on to say that they improved the IST process with documentation and a flowchart, ensured special education teachers at every grade level and house at the middle school, updated 504 procedures, expanded social-emotional learning curriculum, and added PBIS and MARC lessons.

They also provided professional development for principals and school administration regarding students with disabilities and provided training around bullying and harassment expectations. The elementary school day was also extended to create time for staff co-planning.

Dr. Mike Mercaldi asked for specific data on the outcomes connected to

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WMS school improvement plan and updates

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The middle school improvement plan was presented to the School Committee at their Feb. 14 meeting by Middle School Principal Dr. Jeanette Quirk.

Quirk explained the Scheduling Committee reviewed data and made proposed changes to the middle school schedule the previous year. The common beliefs created at that time were the ideas that everyone has strengths and areas of growth, relationships are important, all staff and students need to be challenged and held to high expectations, collaboration is essential, and all students will learn with support.

She quickly referenced some key data points as a snapshot of the school. The current enrollment is 267 students in sixth grade, 204 students in seventh grade, and 233 students in eighth grade. Out of those total 704, she said that 680 are currently enrolled in a world language class.

In captured Panorama data, they'd seen a 10 percent increase in students feeling a sense of belonging, and in MCAS this year they saw 52 percent of students score proficient or higher.

As part of the school improvement plan, the School Council established three goals. The first was to review and improve current practices regarding the schedule, attendance, and grading policies through enhancing consistency and fairness, fostering communications across grade levels to improve school attendance, examining the existing schedule to assess unified arts access, and increasing vertical alignment with the high school.

Quirk said this would hopefully bring an increase in attendance and a reduction in chronic absenteeism.

The second goal would be to review and enhance the implementation of the intervention, or "What I Need," block. As they pursue this goal, they would aim to increase math MCAS scores, establish

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Wilmington Library News:

Kindergarten School Night on Wednesday, Feb. 28

▲ Boutwell kindergartners and their families are welcome to attend our Kindergarten School Night on Feb. 28! Join us for a scavenger hunt, raffle baskets, and a visit from a mystery reader. Sign up for a library card while you're here! (Courtesy photo)

Adult Programs

Bookends Book Group
Monday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m.
This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Associate Rebecca Lowe. Copies of the book are available at the library. February's featured book is American Sirens: The Incredible Story of the Black Men Who Became America's First Paramedics by Kevin Hazzard.

Needleworkers at Night
Monday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m.
These nighttime sessions are perfect for anyone who does any kind of needle craft but can't make it to Needleworkers during the day! Drop-in. This group now meets every Monday in the cozy seating area on the first floor of the library.

HYBRID DEI Book Group
Monday, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.
This book group meets on the 4th Monday of the month. We read the book three chapters at a time to allow us to delve deeper into what we're reading. The current title being read is Broke in America by Joanne Samuel Goldblum. Feb. 26th's meeting will discuss chapters 3 through 5. This program can be attended in person or virtually via Zoom.

Drop-in Tech Help
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 2, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Game On!
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m.
Play a number of board games under the guidance of gaming enthusiast Scot Crispin. All are welcome. Drop in! Ages 12+

VIRTUAL Creative Writing Skills Group
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Movie Night: Summer of Soul
Thursday, Feb. 29, 6 p.m.
This music documentary explores and reclaims the legacy of the six-week 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival. It features unpublished footage of performances by Nina Simone, B.B. King, Sly and the Family Stone, Stevie Wonder, and Gladys Knight & the Pips at Mount Morris Park (now Marcus Garvey Park). Drop In.

Needleworkers
Friday, March 1, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Pysanky Eggs
Saturday, March 2, 2 p.m.
Please wear something you won't mind getting dirty! All supplies are provided for you, just bring yourself and learn a new hobby. Kati Bourque learned the art of Pysanka almost 20 years ago. While she is not Ukrainian, she loves the creativity of decorating eggs. She loves teaching folks about the history of Pysanky and how to create their own eggs. Kati does not consider herself a "crafty" person, but loves the history and art that goes into making a beautiful egg. Her egg motto is: "If I can do it, anyone can!" This program is for teens ages 16+ and adults, as you will be handling raw eggs, dye, and a lit candle.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup
Monday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m.
Join CTI for a community playgroup where we'll work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ages 0-6, siblings welcome

STEAM Team
Monday, Feb. 26, 6 p.m.
Learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging STEAM program! In this month's project, we will be working with Leap Year Activities! Grades K-5

Preschool Storytime
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.
Preschool Storytime includes books, rhymes, music and movement for ages 3-6! Ages 3-6

Time for Twos
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m.
Join us at our Time for Twos! This program includes books, rhymes, music and movement. Age 2

Bilingual Story Hour
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 3 p.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here weekly! Practice using your home language with us! Our staff will be here with an interpreter speaking Haitian Creole. At our playgroup we will work on Early Literacy skills and more! Ask CTI about any resources they can help provide for you and your family. Ages 0-6 and their caregivers

Kindergarten School Night: Boutwell
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m.
Calling all Boutwell kindergarten students! You and your family are invited to join us at the Wilmington Memorial Library for a fun-filled night of activities! There will be a scavenger hunt, a visit from a mystery reader, and raffle baskets! Sign up for a library card while you're here! For kindergartners and their families

Baby Time
Thursday, Feb. 29, 10 a.m.
Baby Time includes books, rhymes, music and movement for children ages 0-23 months! Ages 0-23 months

LEGO Building
Friday, March 1, 4 p.m.
Build with LEGOs at the same time as other LEGO fans and display what you make in the library! Grades K-5

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door — Winter Hours
The Book Store Next Door will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be closed on Wednesdays in January and February. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for $1 and hardcovers for $2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes
The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming
Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming
The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to *wilmlibrary.org* to register or call 978-658-2967.

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois

WHAT TAXPAYERS SHOULD DO WHEN THEY RECEIVE FORM 1099-K

Taxpayers will receive Form 1099-K for business transactions, including income from:

- A business the taxpayer owns.
- Self-employment.
- Activities in the gig economy.
- The sale of personal items and assets.

Money received as a gift or for reimbursement does not require a 1099-K. Taxpayers can minimize the chance of an error by asking friends or family members to correctly designate that type of payment as a non-business-related transaction. The taxpayer should also make a note of what the payment was for and who sent it. Good recordkeeping is key.

What to do when a Form 1099-K is incorrect: Some taxpayers may have received a Form 1099-K for the sale of personal items, or Form 1099-K may have been issued in error — such as for transactions between friends and family, or expense sharing. If the information is incorrect on the Form 1099-K, taxpayers should contact the issuer immediately. The issuing organization's name appears in the upper left corner on the form. Taxpayers should keep a copy of all correspondence with the issuer for their records.

If a taxpayer receives a Form 1099-K in error and the taxpayer cannot obtain a corrected Form 1099-K, the taxpayers should follow the IRS' updated guidance at Understanding Your Form 1099-K.

The old threshold was $20,000 and 200 transactions per year. This applies to tax year 2022 and prior years. The new threshold is more than $600. This applies to tax year 2023 and future years. The threshold change means some people may receive a Form 1099-K who have not received one in the past.

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Wilmington Dems to elect delegates for state convention

WILMINGTON — On Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m., Democrats will convene in person at the Fourth of July Building to elect 11 delegates and four alternates to represent Wilmington at the 2024 State Democratic Convention.

Registered and pre-registered Democrats in Wilmington 16 years old by Thursday, Feb. 15 may vote and be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus. Youth (age 16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color, veterans, members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates are encouraged to apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or by visiting *massdems.org/massdems-convention*.

The 2024 Convention will be in person at the DCU Center in Worcester on June 1.

Those interested in getting involved with the Wilmington Democratic Town Committee should contact Jay Donovan at *wilmingtondtc@gmail.com* or (978) 809-1243.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

Wilmington In Love
WCTV filmed a very special Valentine's segment called, "Wilmington In Love" featuring four couples from Wilmington. In this heartwarming interview, learn their unique stories and views on love! Special thanks to our couples: Bob and Nancy Hamel, John C. Wallace and Robin Theodos, Kenneth and Susanne Clarkin, and Fred and Janice Hogan.

Wildcat Wavelength Podcast — debut episode!
In the inaugural episode of Wildcat Wavelength, hosts J.T. Kilburn and Eli Fitzpatrick, sit down with Wilmington High School senior Zim DeHart. JT, Eli and Zim talk about all the amazing things they do at the high school including chorus, drama, color guard, and even how they started their own Dungeons and Dragons club!

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV Wilmington.

Meetings covered by WCTV:
Monday, Feb. 26 - Select Board 7 p.m.
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Tuesday, Feb. 27 - Finance Committee
View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.
Thursday, Feb. 29 - Finance Committee
View on: Verizon channel 38 and Comcast channel 22.

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Lifestyle

PROVIDENCE:
small in size, but big on fun

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

As winter in New England continues to persist despite the lack of snow, many of us are looking for a day trip or weekend adventure to break the winter doldrums.

Luckily, just a short one hour drive down route 95 you will find the small-scale capital of the smallest state in the United States, the city of Providence, Rhode Island.

Despite the mini size of this city, it is rich in architectural interest, breathtaking waterfront views, and charming parks. It also offers a fabulous food and arts scene, comparable to any large city.

Founded in 1636 by Massachusetts religious exile Roger Williams, Providence was originally envisioned to be a haven for spiritual freedom.

Today, the downtown area of Providence offers typical New England city ambiance mixed with a cozy, small town feel.

Some may remember just a short time ago, Providence downtown area was thought of as almost a desolated ghost town after the demise of the city's early 20th century industrial heyday as a center for jewelry, textile and silverware.

But thanks in part to a reenergized hospitality scene in downtown, the city is breathing new life with the residence of heavy hitting names such as the Biltmore, Marriott, and the Omni hotels.

Another economic boost to the downtown area is Rhode Island's largest indoor mall, Providence Place, which is located just steps away from many of the downtown hotels and the Rhode Island Convention Center.

This retail wonder offers four floors of department stores, specialty shops and eateries sure to provide plenty of shopping therapy for even the hardcore shopaholic.

Besides food court favorites offered at the Providence Place Mall, downtown is the home of many unique restaurants and bars, many offering outdoors or even rooftop dining for those planning to visit in the warmer months.

A particular hidden gem is the small but charming restaurant NicoBella, located at 10 Dorrance St. in downtown Providence. Not only does this eatery offer good food and a warm and inviting ambiance, NicoBella also embraces the growing art scene of downtown, featuring a range of artwork on display worthy of any modern art gallery.

Providence is definitely reminiscent of the cityscape of Boston with its mixture of modern and historic architecture surrounding a beautiful city-center park.

Providence downtown park provides a warm and welcoming break from the concrete and steel of its surrounds and has a similar feel to Boston's beloved Common, but only on a smaller scale.

The tree lined city-center park is an oasis of park benches and walking paths mixed with historic statues and modern art displays.

Alongside the park is the Bank Newport City Center, offering a year-round, outdoor skating rink.

Winter ice skating and ice bumper carts are available for the public to enjoy from November to March, and roller skating and monthly movie nights are offered in the warmer seasons which extend from April until October.

Also like the City of Boston, Providence is a waterfront city, positioned at the head of Narragansett Bay.

Providence, which is often referred to as the Renaissance City, offers many scenic water views including those at the beautiful WaterPark Place.

WaterPark Place is a city-scenic walking park just a few short steps from downtown, offering postcard views of the Woonasquatucket River and the Capitol building.

There is a three-quarter mile cobblestone paved walking path along the river and has Venice-style pedestrian bridges that cross the river, allowing for views on both sides.

▲ The BankNewport City Center offers year-round outdoor skating in the heart of downtown Providence. (Heather Burns photo)

Most of this "riverwalk" is below street level along the banks of the river, and offers a peaceful get-away from the automotive roads of the city.

In the evening hours you can view the award-winning Water Fire sculpture installation that is set in the middle of the river, lighting up the evening in a literal blaze of glory.

In warmer weather you can truly enjoy this Renaissance City by taking a fun and romantic Gondola ride down the river, complete with singing from under the bridge.

Gondola trips are available from May through early November.

Whether you are looking to spend a fun day with the kids, or want a romantic weekend away, consider exploring the City of Providence, Rhode Island.

As far as cities go, it may be small in size, but is big on beauty and fun, offering a city experience reminiscent of Boston, without the congestion, bustle and crowds that come with big city life.

To find much more to explore in downtown providence visit *www.goprovidence.com*.

For more information on Gondola rides offered in the spring, visit *www.gondolari.com*.

Portsmouth, NH has a little something for everyone

▲ The Love Wall started as a community art project in 2014 at Prescott Park. Due to safety concerns, a small portion just remains near North Pier. (Paige Impink photos)

By PAIGE IMPINK
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Finding ourselves with a sunny and dry winter afternoon, we set out to Portsmouth, New Hampshire for a bit of walking and exploration. Portsmouth is under an hour's drive and is a delightfully walkable city.

A colonial port formerly part of Massachusetts in the 1600s, Portsmouth is on the Piscataqua River, a bridge away from Kittery, Maine.

Lucky to find a non-metered spot on a side street near Strawberry Banke, we set out for our walk. Strawberry Banke is a living history museum and aside from its exhibits, offers a popular outdoor skating rink.

While the museum buildings are closed for the season, you can buy tickets online for the Labrie Family Rink at Puddle Dock pond until the end of February.

Waterfront parks dot Portsmouth, including Peirce Island and Prescott Park. We were interested to see the Portsmouth Love Wall, a section of fence covered in locks on the historic North Pier.

The city removed a much larger section of the lock installation in the summer of 2023 due to the weight the locks were causing on the fence and concern over public safety, but clearly people are keeping the tradition alive.

From the pier we walked over the World War I Memorial Bridge. Built in 1922, the Waddell Vertical Lift Bridge was reopened in 2013 after a much-needed replacement. The bridge is approximately 2/10 of a mile and was a pleasant walk even if it was a bit breezy.

The bridge crossed to Badger's Island and then we continued walking to a small park in Kittery. If you're lucky you'll get to see the vertical lift go up as boats pass underneath. Pedestrians can get up close to watch the mechanism work.

After crossing back over into New Hampshire we walked up Daniel Street. There are many eateries and interesting shops on most of the major streets in this section of town. We stopped for grilled cheese at Cheese Louise, coffee and German pastries at Kaffe Vonsolln, and British treats at Best of British.

The range of restaurants and stores is hard to beat, with something for everyone and every palate. From brew pubs to burgers, to an outpost of The Friendly Toast, be sure to plan to eat when you visit downtown. And, as you pass through Market Square, smile and wave as you will be on one of the Boston and Maine Live videos, a YouTube channel that captures scenes from locations around New England.

We noticed a curvy, timber, mixed-use building at 60 Penhallow St. on our walk and ventured inside. Home of Hearth Market, the building was completed in 2023 as a redevelopment of a parking lot.

Hearth is a very calming community space with warm wood and stone accents, lots of plants, gourmet food cases, and local artisanal vendors. We will definitely be back to try their signature crêpes and smoothies.

Enjoying Portsmouth any time is great, but going at this quieter time is really a treat.

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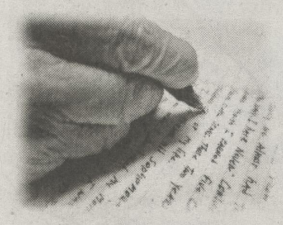

Letter to the editor

Resident's property possibly stolen out from under her

To the editor,

Carolyn Osterberg lived at 79 Nichols St. for almost 30 years. She was what some would call a recluse.

She retired from John Hancock years ago. Many residents in our neighborhood remembered her delivering the paper in her little Hyundai.

I was her friend and neighbor for almost 20 years. I did what I could to make her comfortable and safe in her home. Carolyn was a bit of a hoarder and loved Building 19.

Carolyn and I talked about the importance of having a will made so she could decide what would happen to her assets after she was gone. She didn't want the state to get them.

She indicated to me that she would like them to go to the Middlesex Canal Association as her friend was a member. Carolyn asked me if I knew an attorney that could help her.

I recommended a local lawyer that everyone, including me, held in high regard. Carolyn, however, preferred a female attorney and made an appointment with an attorney in Stoneham.

When she left that morning for her appointment, she couldn't have known that she would never return to her home or her quiet life of solitude.

The morning after Carolyn pulled out of her driveway, I received a call from the Waltham Police Department at 4:30 a.m. The officer told me that they stopped her vehicle on Totten Pond Road for running a red light, and they said she was confused as to where she was.

I was told they transported her to Lahey Clinic in Burlington for evaluation. I then called and spoke with the attending physician and explained this behavior wasn't normal for Carolyn.

I let them know that Carolyn had only one sister in Illinois, but they hadn't spoken in almost 20 years. I would, however, reach out and contact the sister to update her on Carolyn's situation.

While I have no direct knowledge of what specifically happened between Carolyn and the attorney she hired, I have tried to piece together the following based on the limited information that was available.

It seems the doctors at Lahey called the attorney for whom Carolyn has been trying to meet. While she was still in the hospital, or possibly after she was moved to a long-term care facility, she met with this attorney for the first time.

Then, or shortly thereafter, she must have signed a durable power of attorney giving this lawyer the right to sell her property. The lawyer's name appears on the documents that transferred Carolyn's home to the developer who is currently attempting to build 40B housing on the property.

The property was never placed on the open market and was eventually sold to the developer for $410,000. This price is a bit of a surprise for a house that sits on 4.38 acres in Wilmington.

I went to visit Carolyn a few days later. She was very upset about what transpired. The last thing she told me, and this is verbatim, was, "watch out or she'll take your house, too."

Today, Carolyn wouldn't know me or her friend Betty. She left that morning on a simple errand that ended the life she loved. She is the victim of a legal system that enabled questionable ethics and greed to change her life forever.

Today, the property is going through the process of a 40B development. Initially, they wanted to build three houses which were met with resistance from various town boards. Then, a more aggressive proposal was put forth for a total of five houses, but the developer couldn't make the site conform to the town's bylaws concerning setbacks, buffer zones, emergency vehicle access, etc.

The developer then withdrew the permit application and went to the state for a 40B development and was granted a permit for one. The current proposal before our boards consists of 12 single-family condos on a very small footprint as the 4.38 acres in largely wetlands.

The impact of this development affects not only me and my family, but the entire neighborhood. Apparently, we are all potential victims of questionable ethics and greed.

Hugh VanDeMark, Jr.
81 Nichols St.
Wilmington

Wilmington awards storefront improvement grants to businesses impacted by COVID-19

WILMINGTON — The Town of Wilmington is pleased to announce that $217,926.50 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds have been awarded to 11 Wilmington businesses that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program consisted of two rounds of grant awards, both had a limit of $25,000 per project, with applicants providing a matching dollar amount of 10 percent of the total project cost.

Funds will go to improvements to storefronts including signs, building facades, windows, and other physical improvements.

Congratulations to all the small businesses awarded!

- **AJ's Kitchen** – 162 Lowell St. - $21,037.50
- **As Good As It Gets Café** – 35 Lowell St. - $4,410
- **Aztec Sound and Communications** – 374 Main St. - $10,000
- **Cooke's Skate Supply Inc.** – 446 Main St. - $25,000
- **Designs by Don Florist and Gifts** – 52 Main St. - $24,750
- **Forrest Auto Repair** – 600 Main St. - $25,000
- **Heav'nly Donuts** – 579 Main St. - $25,000
- **K&E Engineering LLC** – 318 Main St. - $13,365
- **West Real Estate** – 386 Main St. - $19,364
- **Wilson Wolfe Real Estate** – 402 Main St. - $25,000
- **Supali Properties Plaza** – 474 Main St. - $25,000

This grant program carries out a goal identified in the 2021 State-sponsored Local Rapid Recovery Plan, to provide funding for businesses to enhance the physical appearance of the main commercial corridors as an attractive place to do business. Façade improvement work will be completed before the end of this year.

Upcoming local events

February 17-24, February Vacation Special Tours, Public Health Museum, Take a Youth Scavenger Hunt, Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday. *Publichealthmuseum.org*

February 24, Mohegan Sun Casino Bus Trip, Wilmington Sons and Daughters of Italy, $45 pp includes driver gratuity. 7 a.m. from the 4th of July Building parking lot, Wilmington. Depart Mohegan Sun at 4:30 p.m. for return. Money is due by Feb. 8, 2024. Contact - Lucille 339-927-1447 *lmclark9999@comcast.net* or Lynne 978-729-6044 *Lynne_martell@comcast.net.*

February 25, Alternative House Love Should Be Sweet Fundraiser, Longmeadow Country Club, $40 pp, 12 - 2:30 p.m. All proceeds to benefit survivors of domestic violence.

February 29, Winter Indoor Community Market, Tewksbury Senior Center, 4 – 7 p.m. Enjoy this indoor version of the outdoor summer community market. Food trucks and many vendors!

March 1, TMHS Blood Drive, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS for an appointment.

March 16, Book Donation Drive, Tewksbury Public Library, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, or dictionaries. Books will be checked for saleable condition on the library honor carts. Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library.

March 26, Tewksbury Democratic Committee Candidate Night, Luna Rossa, 6:30 p.m. Residents are welcomed to meet candidates for town offices. Free.

Thursdays and Saturdays, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for tours and shopping. Check website for tour times. *Publichealthmuseum.org*

Book Store Next Door, **Wednesdays and Saturdays**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilmington Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m, Adults $3, seniors and youth age 3-12 $2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, 1 Faulkner St., North Billerica, Saturdays, 12 - 4 p.m. *middlesexcanal.org*

Koutoujian recognized as Sheriff of the Year

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian has been named the 2023 Sheriff of the Year by the Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA).

The award was presented to Sheriff Koutoujian during MCSA's Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Feb. 9, 2024.

MCSA's Sheriff of the Year award is named after late Orange County (CA) Sheriff — and former MCSA President — Sandra Hutchens who passed away in 2021.

In bestowing the award, new MCSA President — and Santa Barbara County (CA) Sheriff — Bill Brown recognized Sheriff Koutoujian for his focus on employee wellness, and the innovative correctional programming he has implemented for incarcerated military veterans, emerging adults, those with substance use disorders, and much more.

President Brown also lauded Sheriff Koutoujian for his service as MCSA President from February 2020 - February 2022. During his tenure, Sheriff Koutoujian worked with two presidential administrations, helped grow MCSA membership by 15 percent while simultaneously increasing the diversity of the membership, and led the organization's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As a professional, there is no greater honor than to be recognized by your peers – inspiring leaders who I truly admire," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "As a MCSA member, I have had the incredible opportunity to work alongside some of the most highly regarded corrections and law enforcement leaders on the most pressing issues facing our country. These men and women are dedicated to serving their communities and I am truly proud to count them as friends and colleagues."

Prior recipients of the Sandra Hutchens Sheriff of the Year Award include Polk County (FL) Sheriff Grady Judd and Pinellas County (FL) Sheriff Bob Gualtieri.

In addition to his work with Major County Sheriffs of America, Sheriff Koutoujian is also a past president of the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association and a founding member of Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration. He was also recently elected vice chair of The Council of State Governments Justice Center Advisory Board.

▲ Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian (second from right) was presented the 2023 Major County Sheriffs of America (MCSA) Sheriff of the Year award in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Feb. 9, 2024. Pictured with Sheriff Koutoujian are (from left) Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, Motorola Solutions Vice President Frank Galvin, MCSA President Bill Brown and MCSA Immediate Past President Dennis Lemma. (Courtesy photo)

Book Stew Review

'How To Say Babylon' by Safiya Sinclair

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

...and to how to escape a dictatorial Rastaman father. Safiya grows up in Jamaica, where her life begins in a blissful backwater beach town surrounded by loving relations. Her father is in a successful reggae band, but when his record company thwarts his ambitions, he strikes off on his own and he and Safi's mom start following a strict version of Rastafari, with Haile Selassie as king and everything non-Rasta as Babylon.

The father becomes obsessive about keeping his daughters pure by imposing cruel restrictions on their time, their clothing, and their schooling. Safi, who is obviously a born poet, receives a scholarship to a private school, where she is bullied and tormented by classmates for her dreadlocks and her somber clothing.

She eventually wins a scholarship to Bennington College, in "Foreign" — any other place than Jamaica — but her father demands that his children stay at home, as soldiers against the influence of Babylon.

Safi, and eventually her siblings and even her mother, become fearful of his violence and his irrationality, and even when she completes college, poverty forces her return to Jamaica and to her father's tyranny, and to spend wasteful years secluded from her fellow citizens and from any chance to earn her way out of her isolation.

Safi wins poetry awards and acclaim and mentors, as she tries to survive recurring nightmares of being killed with a machete wielded by her father.

The tension in this memoir is almost overwhelming, and though Safi may come to forgive her parents for the damage done to her, no reader will want to. Kudos to Safiya Sinclair for her ability to position us beside her, in her prison-like seclusion, just as powerless as she.

Quotes: "My family lived in close quarters and knew the subtle dialect of each other's dreams."

"I was not the weapon. I was only the wound."

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OBITUARY

Linda J. (Cavallo) Cardello

Made wreaths for charitable events

Linda J. (Cavallo) Cardello, age 74, of Wilmington, passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 13, 2024, at the Winchester Hospital.

Linda was born and raised in Medford; she was the cherished only daughter to the late Rudolph "Rudy" and Helen Cavallo. Linda was part of a large and loving Italian/Portuguese family; she was a great help to her mom and she was taught the importance of family, a trait she would carry throughout her life.

Linda attended Medford public schools where she made many life-long friends and was a graduate of Medford High School.

Linda married her "sweetheart" Paul Cardello on June 4, 1972; the couple lived in the city for a few years before moving "up country" to Wilmington where they raised two wonderful children, Gregory and Kimberly.

Linda's door was always open to family, friends, and neighbors; she was like a second mother to many of her children's friends, and a source of comfort and stability to many. Linda looked forward to big family holidays and vacations; she loved to have everyone together to share a meal and have a good time.

Family was Linda's number one priority; she showered her children with unconditional love, devotion, and she encouraged them to follow their dreams and keep true to themselves. Linda was at every school or sporting event that her children were involved in; she was their number one cheerleader.

When Linda became a "Grammy" her world became even brighter; she adored her grandchildren and looked forward to her visits to Arizona to visit Tyler and Isabella and loved her time with LilyRose, especially making meatballs out of play dough, coloring pictures of Snoopy, and making pizzelles at Christmas.

Linda was very passionate about following Tyler's basketball games and Isabella's volleyball games; she NEVER missed an opportunity to "dial in" on Facetime or Zoom making every game to root them on.

Linda's loving relationship with her daughter-in-law Michelle Cardello and son-in-law Gregg Griffin was very evident; she welcomed them with open arms. Linda and Michelle would often spend long hours talking about life, family, and kids.

Similarly, Linda shared a special bond with Gregg and they too had countless conversations, particularly during the times when Linda was watching LilyRose.

Linda's loved her brothers Michael and Rudy; they shared a special bond and were best of friends. Linda talked to them nearly every day and they would spend a lot of time together chatting and laughing.

Linda was truly the matriarch of the family; she opened her home and heart to everyone; she listened to their problems, offered advice, she was never judgmental and her compassion and kindness towards her family and friends was unwavering.

Linda's talents were endless, she was an amazing crafter, artist, and designer. Linda made gorgeous wreaths for family and friends but she also make countless wreaths to be donated for charitable events.

Linda was behind the creative designs for "iPods for Wounded Veteran's" and was instrumental in helping her husband and other veteran's with various fundraisers. Linda was constantly giving of her time and talents for many community events; she greeted you with her warm smile, endearing personality and was always there to lend a hand for whatever needed to be done.

Linda was a woman of strong faith and would rely on that faith to get her through some of the challenging times that life throws at us. She was also full of great wisdom and was a constant source of support, love, and guidance.

Linda's advice to others would be to: "stay true to yourself," "don't let others persuade you to compromise your beliefs," "work hard," "trust your gut," "be kind," "help others," "love your family," and most of all "follow your heart."

Linda will be fondly remembered as a beautiful lady inside and out; she loved her family, friends, and neighbors with all her heart. Although her sudden passing has left many people shocked and saddened, the imprint of her beautiful soul will live on through those who knew and loved her.

Linda was the beloved wife of Paul Cardello, devoted mother of Gregory Cardello and wife Michelle of Fountain Hills, AZ and Kimberly Griffin and husband Gregg of Chelmsford, loving "Grammy" of Tyler and Isabella Cardello and LilyRose Griffin, cherished daughter of the late Rudolph and Helen (Silva) Cavallo, dear sister of Rudolph Cavallo, Jr. and wife Marilyn of North Conway, NH and Michael Cavallo and wife Christine of Stoneham.

Daughter-in-law of the late Samuel and Sarah Cardello, sister-in-law of Louis and Diane Cardello of Salem, NH and the late Lucille D'Agostino. Linda is further survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Family and friends gathered for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Monday, Feb. 19 from 3 - 7 p.m. A Service was held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. followed by her interment in the Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at *www.nicholsfuneralhome.com*

Shawsheen Valley Technical High School quarter 2 honor roll

BILLERICA — Principal Jessica Cook of Shawsheen Valley Technical High School proudly recognizes the outstanding academic achievements of students for the second quarter of the 2023-2024 school year. These exceptional individuals have showcased steadfast commitment to academic excellence, securing them well-deserved spots on the eagerly awaited Honor Roll.

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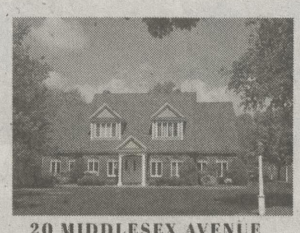
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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 12, 2024 at 8:25 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-04 and Stormwater Management Permit #24-04, plan entitled, "Site Plan for RMLD Battery Facility at 99 Fordham Road Wilmington, MA, Assessors Map 99 Lot 135"; dated January 10, 2024, last revised February 14, 2024, prepared by Richard J. O'Connell, P.E., RJO'Connell & Associates, Inc., 80 Montvale Avenue, Suite 201 Stoneham, MA 02180. The application is for the construction and installation of a battery storage facility. Said property is located at 99 Fordham Road and shown on Assessor's Map 99 Parcel 135.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 12, 2024 at 7:55 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Sign Special Permit #24-01, plan entitled, "Sign Site Plan"; dated February 7, 2024, prepared by Granite Engineering, 150 Dow Street, Tower 2, Suite 421, Manchester, NH 03101. The application is for the installation of a third wall sign for Locus Robotics, that exceeds the allowed area and is located above the first floor. Said property is located at 100-110 Fordham Road and shown on Assessor's Map 91 Parcel 121.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 12, 2024 at 7:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #24-03, Stormwater Management Permit #24-03, and Groundwater Protection District Special Permit #24-02, plan entitled, "Site Development Plans for 271 Main Street, Wilmington, MA"; dated January 9, 2024, prepared by Brandon G. Li, P.E., Kelly Engineering Group, 0 Campanelli Drive, Braintree, MA 02184. The application is for the redevelopment of the site to construct a new 25,989 sq. ft. building with associated stormwater utilities, parking, and landscaping. Said property is located at 271 Main Street and shown on Assessor's Map 43 Parcel 4.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board

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Nomination period closed for spring town election

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

TEWKSBURY — Friday, Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. was the deadline to submit nomination papers for one of the 12 elected positions that are open for the upcoming 2024 town election.

Candidates running for the 2024 town election are as follows:

- **Chris Janeczak, George Ferdinand and Steve Dalin** are each seeking one of three open seats on the Board of Health.
- **Colin McNaught, Christopher Moncada and incumbent Bridget Garabedian** are the candidates for two open seats on the Tewksbury School Committee.
- **Thomas Bowley, Jomarie Buckley, and incumbent James Mackey** are each running for one of the two open seats on the Select Board.
- **Jonah McCreary and incumbent Bonnie Page** are each candidates for one of the two positions available on the Library Board of Trustees.
- **Robert Hutchins** is seeking to fill the open seat on the Shawsheen Tech School Committee.
- **Incumbent Vincent Fratalia** is seeking another term for Planning Board and **incumbent John Deputat** is running to continue his role for Housing Authority.

Objections or withdrawal of nomination papers must be done by Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 5 p.m.

The last day to request a ballot by mail for the annual town election is Monday, April 1, 2024 by 5 p.m.

For more information on ballots by mail, contact the town clerk's office at 978-640-4355.

Town Clerk's Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The annual town election will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI24P0587GD

In the matter of:
Thomas W Bradley
Of: Wilmington, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Gia M Bradley** of **Wilmington, MA Thomas G Bradley** of **Wilmington, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Thomas W Bradley** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Gia M Bradley** of **Wilmington, MA Thomas G Bradley** of **Wilmington, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/01/2024.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 02,2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

240144 2/21/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SELECT BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Select Board in the Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Room 9, Wilmington, MA at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024 on the application of Devin P. Howe, PE, on behalf of Ask Group, LLC to Remove Earth Products on land situated at 250 Andover Street, Wilmington, MA, and further described as Lot 302, on Assessors' Map R1 and shown on a plan on file with the application for said permit.

Gary B. DePalma
Select Board

240163 2/21,28/24

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to Matthew Trinque of 32 Bradford St. Apt 16 Concord, Ma. Who is the last registered owner of a 2018 Volkswagen Jetta Vin number 3VWB67AJ9M215685 that your vehicle will be sold at auction on or about 3-8-2024 at Fred F Cain Inc. 10 Ranch Rd. Wilmington, Ma. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to: Donald Young, of 41 Doyle St in Lawrence, MA 01841 who is the last registered owner of a 2010 Mazda 3

VIN # JN11BL1SG9A1262000 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about March 1, 2024 at A&S Towing, 222 Andover Street, Wilmington MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

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2024 Nissan Sentra S Available APR 3.9% for 36 months . Lease for $144/mo. for 18 months w/$2,999 cash or trade down. 10000 miles per year. Lease based on selling price of $21,424.Zero Down Lease for $272/mo. $0 down payment for 39 months CONDITIONAL OFFER Recent college grad/military may be available if qualified -$500 Retail Owner Communication may be available if qualified -$500 Stock#: W240190. Vin: 3N1ABBBVORY207547. MSRP: $22,335. Model code: 12014. Lease requires tax, title, 1st payment, acq. fee, registration and admin fee additional. Must choose from dealer stock. NMAC credit approval required. 2 or more available at this price *Photos are for illustration purposes only. Sale ends 2-29-2024. Available only at Kelly NISSAN of Woburn.

2024 Nissan ALTIMA SR
Navigation, Back-Up Camera, Satellite Radio, iPod/MP3 Input, Onboard Communications System.

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2024 Nissan Altima SR Available APR 1.9% for 36 months . Lease for $203/mo. for 18 months w/$2,999 cash or trade down 10000 miles per year. Lease based on selling price of $27,821 Lease for $317/mo. $0 down payment36 months F CONDITIONAL OFFER Recent college grad/military may be available if qualified -$500 Retail Owner Communication may be available if qualified -$500 Stock#: W240135 Vin: 1N4BL4CV8RN337707. MSRP: $29,605. Model code: 13514. Lease requires tax, title, 1st payment, acq. fee, registration and admin fee additional. Must choose from dealer stock. NMAC credit approval required. 2 or more available at this price *Photos are for illustration purposes only. Sale ends 2-29-2024. Available only at Kelly NISSAN of Woburn.

2024 Nissan Pathfinder SV 4x4
Back-Up Camera, Satellite Radio, iPod/MP3 Input, Bluetooth®, CD Player, Remote Engine Start

LEASE FOR $245 PER MONTH | 18 MONTHS
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2024 Nissan Pathfinder SV 4x4 Available APR 1.9% for 36 months . Lease for $245/mo. for 18 months w/$2,899 cash or trade down. 10000 miles per year. lease based on selling price of $40,831 Lease for $418/mo. $0 down payment18 months. CONDITIONAL OFFER Retail Owner Communication may be available if qualified -$500 Recent college grad/military may be available if qualified -$500 Stock#: W240225. Vin: 5N1DR3BC1RC237408. MSRP: $43,390. Model code: 25214. Lease requires tax, title, 1st payment, acq. fee, registration and admin fee additional. Must choose from dealer stock. NMAC credit approval required. 2 or more available at this price *Photos are for illustration purposes only. Sale ends 2-29-2024. Available only at Kelly NISSAN of Woburn.

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Sale Price $22,939

2020 Nissan Rogue Sport SL AWD
Leather Seats, Navigation,Heated Driver Seat 9,078 miles

Sale Price $25,984

2022 Nissan Pathfinder SV 4x4
Third Row Seat, Heated Driver Seat, Back-Up Camera, Satellite Radio ,iPod/MP3 Input. 17,042 miles

Sale Price $33,792

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Expand training for SPED teachers

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the initiatives. One piece of information Brown-Le Grand pointed to was that the district's special education rate of eligibility was 19.5 percent at the point of the Walker Report and was now 17.6 percent. She also said the district has solid numbers of students graduating in four years on IEPs and with disabilities.

Jesse Fennelly asked what a lower rate of eligibility refers to, and Brown-LeGrand answered that it's a statistic used in comparison to districts with similar demographics.

Mercaldi also suggested it could be helpful to know how many students enter the district needing services each year and how many require outplacements. Their current total of students requiring out of district placements is 57.

Dr. Jenn Bryson asked about professional development for special education staff. Brown-LeGrand mentioned monthly meetings with the department.

Brand added they are looking to expand training for all teachers.

Bryson said she'd also like to see support for teachers to help them understand executive functioning, given the focus of the topic.

The second item Brown-LeGrand detailed is the current plan for the new MSBA building considering special education, which involves continuing all existing specialized programs and moving potentially all STRIDES programs to the new building. They would put all six STRIDES classrooms at the new building if it becomes a pre-kindergarten through fifth grade school, or otherwise have one STRIDES classroom left at the West Intermediate building if the school only goes up to grade three.

She added this would also optimize consistency, use of space, and programming.

Turner commented it seemed like a no-brainer in that case for the school to hold up to grade five to reduce transitions for STRIDES students.

Brown-LeGrand provided that there are 32 STRIDES students in town between pre-kindergarten and grade five. In order to prepare the program plan for the new school, they have to think about co-teaching needs, structure, and staffing to put in place their special education program plan. Brand also mentioned the new school's draft program plan was due to the MSBA ahead of the committee's next meeting.

Chair David Ragsdale said he liked the potential savings of pursuing co-teaching with the consolidation of grades.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 6, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for a RDA application filed by American Building Solutions on behalf of Donna Gonsalves for activities related to the construction of front steps and a deck within the buffer zone of wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **75 CAROLINA RD TEWKSBURY, MA,ASSESSOR'S MAP 81-124.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner

240157 2/21/24

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI23P6099EA

Estate of: Brian Robert Merritt Also known as: Brian R Merritt Date of Death: 05/17/2023

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A – Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Michelle Merritt-Flannery** of **West Roxbury MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Michelle Merritt-Flannery** of **West Roxbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/05/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 06, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

240135 2/21/24

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P0938EA

Estate of: John Balog Also known as: John S Balog Date of Death: 09/24/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **S/A – Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Janice Marie Balog** of **Not applicable MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Janice Marie Balog** of **Not applicable MA** and **Paul Harland Benoit** of **Not applicable MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/11/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 12, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

240148 2/21/24

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No. MI24P0690GD

In the matter of: Bruce Vitrano Of: Tewksbury, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Tewksbury Hospital of Tewksbury, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Bruce Vitrano** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Marlene Messina of Natick, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/08/2024.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Terri L. Klug Cafazzo, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 09, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

240156 2/21/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **February 29, 2024,** at **6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Lee Ghannam,** for a variance under Sections 5.3.1.E.1 & 5.3.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for an accessory structure located within the front setback & from the minimum front yard setback as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **310 Brown Street,** Assessor's Map 81, Lot 207 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair

240106 2/14,21/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

INVITATION TO BID

MOWING AND TRIMMING LAWN AREAS

The Town of Tewksbury acting through its Town Manager will receive bids for Mowing & Trimming Lawn Areas until 11:00AM on Friday March 15th, 2024. Sealed bids on bid forms provided within the bid documents and specifications shall be mailed or delivered to the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 with the designation "MOWING AND TRIMMING LAWN AREAS" on the envelope. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Meeting Room at 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA at 11:00AM on Friday March 15th, 2024.

Information and Instructions to Bidders, Contract and Specifications can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876, 978-640-4300 on or after Thursday February 22nd, 2024. All bids are subject to MGL Chapter 30B.

For information pertaining to this bid, please contact Vincent R. Bomal, Facilities and Grounds Manager at 978-640-4300 or email Amy Ryan at aryan@tewksbury-ma.gov.

The Bidding and Award of this Contract will be pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30B. The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest of the Town.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **March 20, 2024, at 6:30 P.M., located at Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street,** for a RDA application filed by Robert Weatherall on behalf of the Town of Tewksbury for activities related to the repair of an existing boardwalk within wetlands.

The property subject to this application is located at **900 CHANDLER ST TEWKSBURY, MA,ASSESSOR'S MAP 43-84.**

The application may be examined on the Conservation Commission webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Joe Fontaine
Conservation Agent/Planner

240129 2/21/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

INVITATION TO BID

LA Field Lighting Installation Project

The Town of Tewksbury acting through its Town Manager will receive bids for the installation of lighting poles, fixtures, footings and LED lamps supplied by Musco Lighting and any associated electrical wiring and conduits at LA Baseball Field on the corner of Livingston Street and East Street. Sealed bids on bid forms provided within the bid documents and specifications shall be mailed or delivered to the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 with the designation "LA Field Lighting Installation Project" on the envelope. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the First Floor Meeting Room at 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 10:00AM.

Information and Instructions to Bidders, Contract and Specifications can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876, (978) 640-4300 on or after Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 10:00AM. All bids are subject to MGL Chapter 30B.

For information pertaining to this bid, please contact Vincent Bomal, Facilities and Grounds Manager, at 978-640-4300 or email Amy Ryan at aryan@tewksbury-ma.gov.

The Town of Tewksbury reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so.

240147 2/21,28/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN REVIEW, SPECIAL PERMIT, LAND DISTURBANCE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **March 11, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Richard C. Proctor for Site Plan Review pursuant to Section 3.6 and Special Permit pursuant to Section 3.5 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw as well as a Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw to construct a 3,456 SF multi-family building with associated parking, drainage, landscaping and utilities as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 20 Glenwood Road, 2551 Main Street, Assessor's Map 94, Lots 365, 177 114, zoned South Village Business.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Stephen Johnson, Chairman

240130 2/21,28/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY TREE WARDEN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), the Town of Tewksbury Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding the removal of a public shade tree on **Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated or submit a written objection with your name and address prior to the date and time listed.

The proposed removal is a resident request to remove a tree.

The location of the town tree affected is (1) Pine at 59 Compass Lane.

For further information regarding location, size and species of the affected trees, is available weekdays at the Department of Public Works, Town Hall and Library during normal business hours; and on the Town's website www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

Kevin Hardiman, P.E.
Director of Public Works

240141 2/21,28/24

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
978-640-4340

Notice of Names of Persons Appearing to be Owners of Checks Issued by The Town of Tewksbury Which Have Not Been Cashed and are Deemed Abandoned as of JANUARY 2024.

CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	DATE ISSUED	NAME
26387	$ 450.00	8/30/18	EMPIRACAL RESOLUTION INC
267065	$ 57.68	12/13/18	COLIN TRELEGAN
298865	$ 439.86	6/17/21	COLIN TRELEGAN
273705	$ 165.35	6/13/19	ALFRED DONOVAN
289658	$ 278.15	8/27/20	MICHAEL MCLAUGHLIN
289897	$ 659.52	9/3/20	EMILY KILLEEN
289951	$ 2,475.00	9/3/20	TIME, LLC
291836	$ 1,485.04	11/5/20	DEAN BARBERA LAW
292053	$ 150.23	11/12/20	JAMES RAUSCH
292137	$ 132.00	11/12/20	ISTORAGE TEWKSBURY
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Early voting begins in presidential primary

WILMINGTON — The 2024 presidential primary will be held on March 5, 2024 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In-person early voting for the Presidential Primary will be held in the Town Hall auditorium during these hours:

- Saturday, Feb. 24 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This is also the last day to register to vote or change your voter registration to be eligible to vote in the presidential primary.

- Monday, Feb. 26 - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 27 - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 28 - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 29 - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 1 - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registered voters can choose from three ballots: Democrat, Republican or Libertarian. The Democrat ballot consists of President Joe Biden, US Representative Dean Phillips and author Marianne Williamson. Williamson, however, may have recently suspended her campaign.

The Republican ballot consists of former president Donald Trump, former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley and five people who suspended their campaigns: former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, businessman Vivek Ramaswamy, former Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, and Ryan Binkley.

The Libertarian ballot consists of Jacob George Hornberger, Michael Rectenwald, Chase Russell Oliver, Mike ter Maat, and Lars Damian Mapstead.

This ballot will not include any candidates for senator or representative or any ballot questions. It will also not include any local races. That election takes place seven weeks later on Saturday, April 27. Voters will, however, see races for state party positions including state committee man and woman and ward committee.

So far, Trump won the Iowa caucus and New Hampshire primary, plus the Nevada caucus, all in convincing fashion and is the presumptive nominee. President Biden, meanwhile, won the New Hampshire primary even though his name wasn't listed on the ballot (Biden and the DNC changed the primary schedule, moving South Carolina to the front of the line; however, New Hampshire refused to budge thereby creating a scenario where Biden's name didn't appear on the ballot. He won as a write in candidate).

No other primaries or caucuses have taken place for the Democrats, as they chose to put South Carolina first feeling that state better represented the party as a whole with a much larger percentage of Black residents than Iowa or New Hampshire. It's also the state that catapulted Biden to the nomination four years ago.

With the South Carolina primary coming up before Super Tuesday (the day when many states hold their primaries including Massachusetts), it's possible both Haley and Phillips will suspend their campaigns leaving voters in Wilmington with almost no choice but to support either Biden (for the Democrats) or Trump (for the Republicans).

Addition to the fleet

Garage Foreman Mike Hardimon showing off the department's newest fleet addition, Wilmington's first swap-body dump truck/sander/flatbed as part of the FY24 Capital Plan. This vehicle increases the town's fleet efficiency and reduces labor during seasonal truck use changeovers. (Courtesy photo)

Five students named to Dean's List at Fitchburg

FITCHBURG — Fitchburg State University President Richard S. Lapidus has announced the students who qualified for inclusion on the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

WILMINGTON

- Jake P. Arsenault
- Veronica K. Barton
- Joseph A. Cornish
- Jake A. Estrada
- Kylee J. Hutchison

A student is placed on the Dean's List for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the university full time.

Fitchburg State University enrolls day and evening students in more than 50 programs of undergraduate and graduate study. The university was established in 1894.

Learn more at *fitchburgstate.edu*.

Looking to raise attendance

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formal systems for gathering data on students needing intervention, and develop best practices for the "WIN" block.

The third goal would be to improve upon school culture. This would involve a root cause analysis as to why some students feel unsafe and expansion of student and staff recognition, with a goal to increase students' sense of belonging even further.

School Committee member Dr. Mike Mercaldi asked if they had any ideas about why attendance rates were low, and how they would plan to boost them. Quirk answered that the school would work on consistent parent messaging. She would personally seek to meet with students to show that she and other staff are here to help and to stress the importance of attending school.

Quirk's aim would be to hold more attendance meetings and to emphasize the partnership between the school and the parents.

Mercaldi summarized that it sounded like they would take each student on a case-by-case basis, understand the root cause of their absenteeism, and try to address it.

He then asked if Quirk thought there may be inconsistencies across the middle school houses in terms of student workload. Quirk agreed that this was an issue currently. She said they would seek to increase horizontal and vertical alignment across grades.

Mercaldi lastly wondered what "high performers" can gain currently from the "What I Need" or intervention block. Quirk said this was the first year of implementation and they were still figuring out how to stretch and challenge those students, although sometimes a "high perfomer" may still need help in certain areas.

Chair David Ragsdale commented that he appreciated the inclusion of outcomes for each goal and implementation step. He highlighted the importance of middle school students receiving all they need to know and being aware of what they can do. He asked if there were any targeted areas to increase MCAS scores, and Quirk said in response that it was more of a broad goal for all students.

Ragsdale also questioned the language around increasing the number of interventions. Quirk clarified that she meant an increase in the number of students receiving the interventions they need. Ragsdale confirmed that this increase would be in student needs being identified and met.

Stephen Turner proposed they link the two goals relating to students' sense of belonging and school attendance, as he saw these as interconnected.

Earlier that night, some recent middle school ongoings were shared by middle school representatives. They shared about civics-minded valentines, 8th grade students choosing their classes, ski club events, World Culture Club celebrating Carnival, ELA cultural identity projects, a pickleball tournament, black history month projects, and the 8th grade winter dance.

No school on election day, Nov. 5

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dar, he didn't think waiting would provide the answers they sought. He also said he had concerns about safety and security with keeping school open on Nov. 5.

Regarding the day before Thanksgiving, Ragsdale conceded that he didn't want to see the school year extend to June 16 without snow days, so he preferred the early release day to a holiday. They approved the calendar with no school on Nov. 5 and Dec. 23 and a half day on Nov. 27.

High school representative Maddie Benoit outlined recent ongoings at the school that night including the WHS Band ski trip, seniors committing to colleges, and upcoming showing of Newsies and a Peru trip.

The only subcommittee report that night came from Dr. Jenn Bryson, sharing that the Policy Subcommittee was moving steadily through their policies for review.

The School Committee's next meeting will be March 13.

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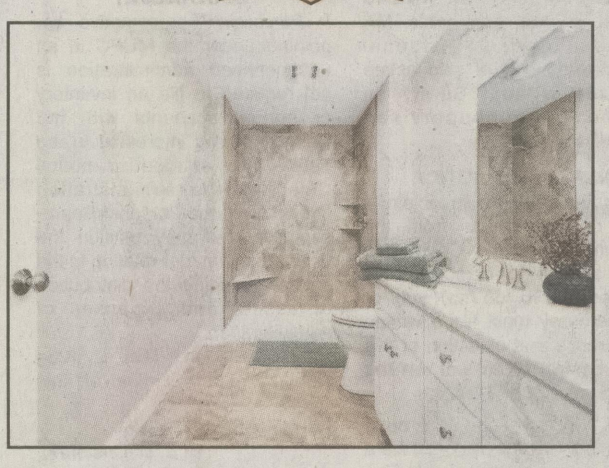

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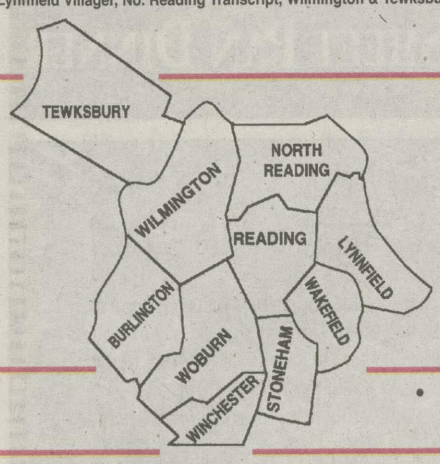

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Retiring after 40 years covering high school athletics

Sports Editor Steve Algeri leaves it all on the keyboard

By BRIAN MURPHY
Former DTC Sports Editor

After more than 40 years as a sports editor with the Daily Times Chronicle, Steve Algeri is taking his well-deserved retirement next month. And leaving behind a career in local sports journalism few can match.

High school sports won't be the same without Steve in the press-box. Especially in the Middlesex League.

I worked with Steve in various newspapering capacities for 25 years. Every day from 1997-2004, when I was the editor of the Reading/Wakefield sports pages and Steve the Woburn/Winchester/Burlington sports editions. After I left the paper in 2004, I continued to cover Reading High football through 2021, so tack on another 18 years working with Steve in the fall. The two of us still serve together on the RMHS Athletic Hall of Fame committee. The work continues.

Steve started writing for the DTC in June of 1981, and the following year was named Sports Editor of the Reading/Wakefield editions. He was just 24 years old. There he worked alongside Rick Pearl, who was managing the Woburn/Burlington/Winchester sports editions.

Prior to joining the DTC Steve served as assistant sports editor at Beacon Communications in Acton. He himself was a good athlete, playing football and serving as co-captain of the varsity baseball team for Curry College. In high school he was a letter winner in football, basketball, baseball and track as a 1977 graduate of Waltham High. He finished second in the State Class A 300-yard run ironically held at the Hawkes Fieldhouse in Reading. I remember he used to compare his sprint times with kids' times in the newspaper, and his stacked up well.

Steve was a familiar face of high school sports, probably best known for his coverage of hockey and football, including a long stint (1997-present) covering the Woburn High football team, most of that under the late, great Rocky Nelson.

It's not easy covering high school football. There's no instant replay. No one hands you stats—you are the stat keeper. Sometimes you have a seat out of the elements in a press-box, sometimes not, which means games in the rain and the snow, shivering under an umbrella with a notebook. And Steve did it for a long time. He was around long enough to cover my football team the1990 Rockets, then the rise of Reading football under Tom Kasprzak, and the miraculous Super Bowl win over Acton-Boxboro in 1995. And many other big moments and games besides. He covered the Tanners when they won a Super Bowl in

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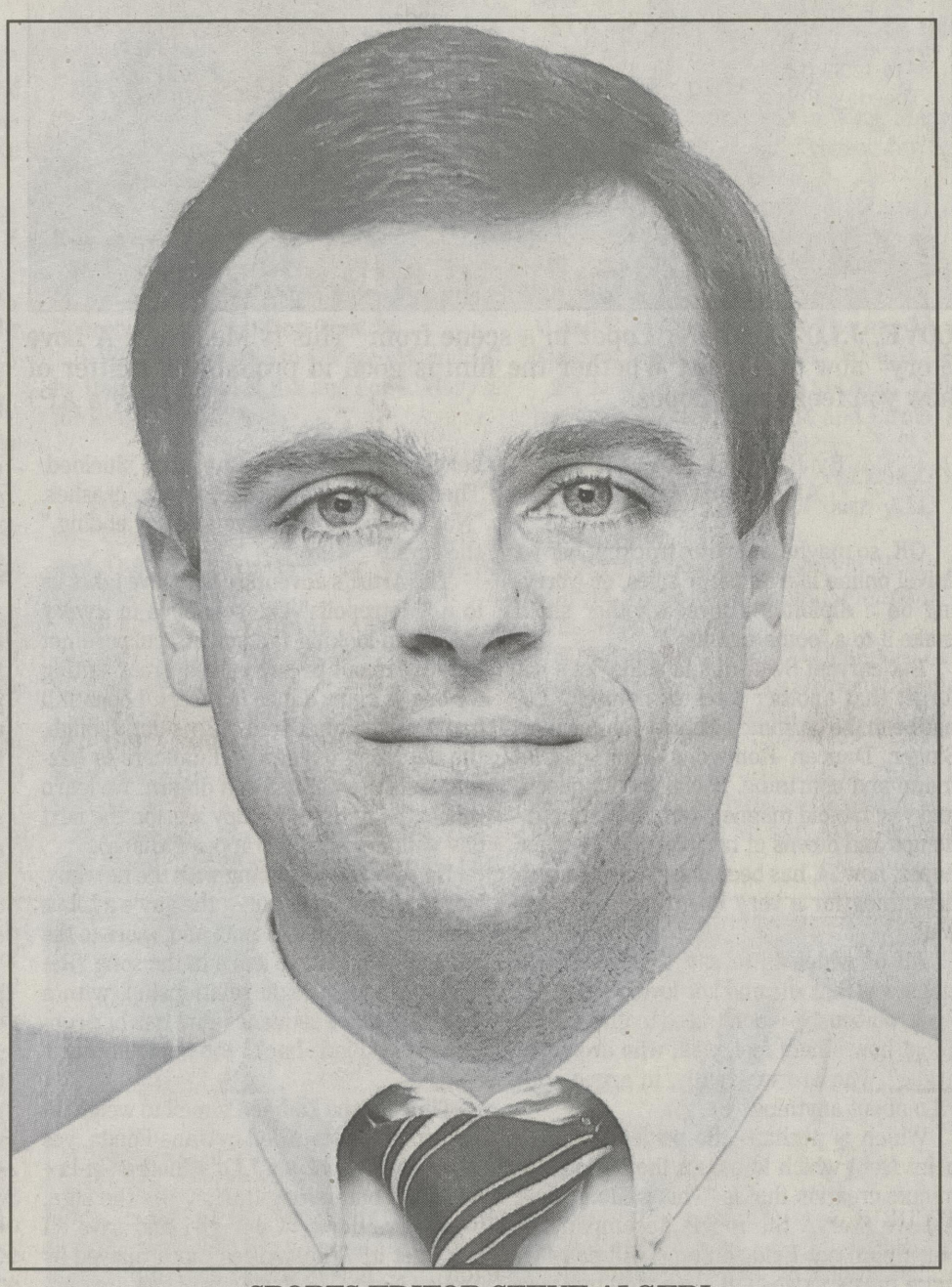

SPORTS EDITOR STEVE ALGERI

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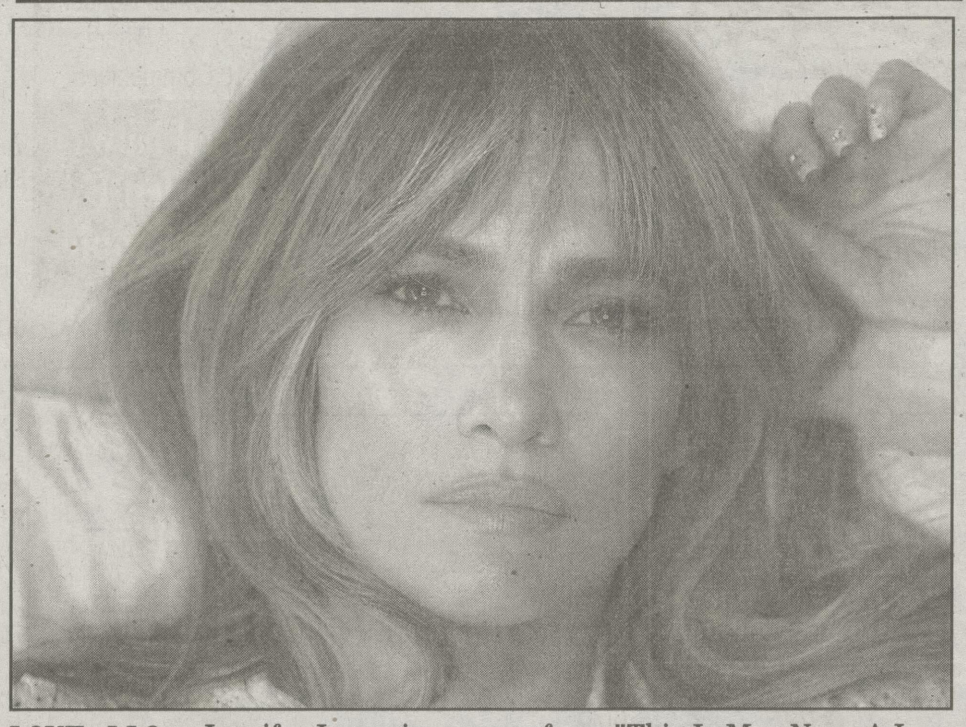
Movie Reviews & Box Office News

J.Lo's wacky, wild, journey to love in 'This Is Me … Now'



LOVE, J.LO - Jennifer Lopez in a scene from "This Is Me...Now: A Love Story" now on Prime. Whether the film is good id probably a matter of how you feel about Lopez. (Prime via AP)

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

OK, so maybe we're not tracking her jet travel online like amateur spies, or worrying on a diplomatic level whether she'll make it to a football game.

But current Swift-mania aside, let's not forget that another force of nature, J.Lo, has been the ultimate celebrity for decades. Singer. Dancer. Rom-com actor, charismatic and charming. Social media queen, and yes, tabloid magnet, with the very public ups and downs of her love life. Jennifer Lopez, now 54, has been doing this pop goddess thing for a very long time, and very well.

All of which is to say that when she sings now that she and her lover — Ben Affleck, obviously — don't need to give a $%& about how others feel, well, who are we to argue? Who are we, really, to argue with J.Lo about anything?

Which is perhaps the perfect vantage point from which to assess the curious 65-minute creation that is "This is Me... Now: A Love Story," the movie accompanying her album out Friday. Some will call it a mere music video — it's directed by Dave Meyers, who's done hundreds — but it's heftier than that. And if the plot feels truly chaotic, blending (deep breath here, please) mythology, astrology, autobiography, confessional, modern romantic comedy and Old Hollywood glamour (still with us?), it is so J.Lo — so very, very J.Lo — that it feels logical, too.

Whether that means the film is, well, good, is probably a matter of how you feel about Lopez. Certainly, she's brought everything to the table here: her talents, her fertile imagination and her wallet, too, self-financing when money fell through, to the tune of a reported $20 million. Talk about self-belief, which is the moral of the film, if expressed rather too quickly and conveniently. If you can't love yourself, Lopez and co-writer Mark Walton tell us, you can't really love anyone else.

Anyway, we told you there was a plot, so here goes. Lopez, though channeling her own life, doesn't have a name in the film — she's billed as "Artist." But before we meet her, we begin with Puerto Rican mythology: the story of Alida and Taroo, star-crossed lovers from enemy tribes. They can't be together, so the gods turn her into a red flower (Lopez appears in the animation as Alida), and Taroo into a hummingbird, destined to forever seek her. The Artist heard the tale as a child and decided what she wanted to be when she grew up: "in love."

Now we see the modern Artist on the back of a motorcycle, riding across a beach, with a hunky man, face shielded. Then, screech — the motorcycle crashes. "Not all love stories have a happy ending," she says.

The Artist's adventure with love takes us to a "Metropolis"-like sequence in a very dystopian-looking factory, its purpose not fully clear but in any case a great setting for one of many dance numbers. Lopez still has it, if you wondered. Turns out, though, the depleting oxygen and dancers in hazmat suits are all part of a dream. We learn this in the Artist's therapy session the next day with her shrink (rapper Fat Joe).

He asks how it's going with the new guy. Not so well, it turns out — the guy's a Libra (astrology is ever-present) and, more to the point, violent, as we learn in the song "Rebound" about a toxic relationship, with a powerful dance sequence that has her continually pulled back into an abuser's clutches.

Time for the Zodiac Council to weigh in. Yes, up in the stars, led by Jane Fonda, yes Jane Fonda, not as J.Lo's mother-in-law this time but as Sagittarius, yes the sign, who peers down at our girl and says: "I don't get it!" Yup, agrees Libra, played by Trevor Noah — Libras and Leos are supposed to go well together. And so it goes, with others chiming in: Keke Palmer as Scorpio, Post Malone as Leo, Sofia Vergara as Cancer, Kim Petras as Virgo and even astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson as Taurus.

This wacky group is a celestial counterpart to a band of well-meaning friends down on Earth, those typical rom-com buddies who stage an intervention into her love life. Is the Artist is a sex addict? A love addict? Another addiction — to weddings, wink wink! — is explored in a big number where Lopez marries three different grooms.

It won't shock you that the Artist ultimately learns to love herself, with a return to her roots (this is, after all, Jenny From the Block). If she didn't, we wouldn't have an audacious — but fun — recreation of Gene Kelly in "Singin' in the Rain." We also wouldn't have reason to hear the triumphant songs that comprise the new album, coming more than 20 years after "This is Me ... Then," written during her first go-round with Affleck.

Famously, they broke up. Famously, they reunited. (Now-husband Affleck appears here, in a sly cameo we won't spoil.) We watched it all. And we'll keep watching this most durable of superstars. There will be more to come. But this is her, now.

"This Is Me ... Now: A Love Story" a Prime Video release, is unrated by the Motion Picture Association. Running time: 65 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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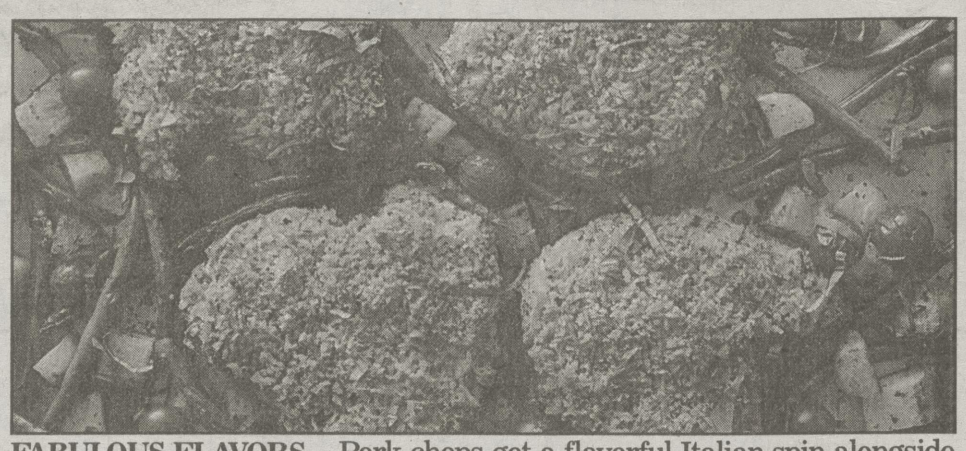
Italian Pork Chop Sheet-Pan Dinner



FABULOUS FLAVORS - Pork chops get a flavorful Italian spin alongside potatoes, green beans and tomatoes in this complete one-pan meal that's as delicious as it is easy to make.

STEPS

1. Heat Heat oven to 425°F. Spray 18x13-inch rimmed sheet pan with cooking spray.

2. In large bowl, mix 4 tablespoons of the melted butter, the garlic, Italian seasoning and 1 teaspoon of the salt. Pour 2 tablespoons of the mixture into medium bowl; add pork chops, and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate. Add potatoes to remaining mixture in large bowl; toss. Pour potato mixture in pan. Roast 25 to 30 minutes, stirring once, until tender.

3. Meanwhile, in medium bowl, mix remaining 1 tablespoon melted butter, the bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese; set aside.

4. Add pork to pan with potatoes. Top pork with bread crumb mixture; press to adhere. Add tomatoes and green beans to pan; sprinkle vegetables with remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt. Roast 12 to 18 minutes or until pork is no longer pink and meat thermometer inserted in center reads at least 145°F, and potatoes are browned and tender. Top with basil.

Tips from the Betty Crocker Kitchens

EXPERT TIPS

Like it hot? Add 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes to the bread crumb mixture.

For even quicker prep, opt for already cleaned bagged green beans.

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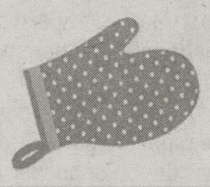
26g Total Fat
34g Protein
37g Total Carbohydrate
4g Sugars



Ingredients

- 5 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1-1/4 teaspoons salt
- 4 bone-in pork loin chops (1 1/2 lb)
- 2 russet potatoes, unpeeled, cut into 1-inch pieces (1 lb)
- 1/2 cup Progresso™ Panko Italian style crispy bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 lb green beans, trimmed
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves

Monday, March 18, from 5 to 8 p.m

Northeast Metro Tech to Host 'A Knight Out on the Town'

WAKEFIELD — Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech is hosting the inaugural "A Knight Out on the Town" gala to support a scholarship that will benefit students with disabilities.The event will held Monday, March 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. It will be held at the The Four Points By Sheraton, 1 Audubon Road, Wakefield

Knight Out on the Town is a gala that will feature culinary delights from restaurants in each of Northeast Metro Tech's 12 sending communities, as well as music from Phil Carbone of Time of Your Life DJ Service and Entertainment. There will also be several raffles available.

All funds raised by the gala will be used by the Northeast Metro Tech Special Education Parent Advisory Council (Northeast SEPAC) to start a scholarship fund for Northeast Metro Tech students with disabilities who are heading to trade schools or post-secondary education.

The Northeast SEPAC provides education and support to parents, school personnel and the broader community on special education issues and services. The Northeast SEPAC's mission promotes a supportive, innovative and respectful educational environment that ensures students with special education needs have equal and appropriate access to opportunities and are encouraged to reach their full potential.

Historically students with special education needs are often overlooked for traditional scholarships. Our "Knight out on the Town Fundraiser" will provide scholarships for our students with disabilities that wish to continue on to trade schools or post secondary education upon graduating.

Tickets are $50 each, and they can be purchased by visiting www.knightout.square.site.

"I'd like to invite all of our parents and supporters to attend this gala to support our students with disabilities as they seek to move on to trade schools and post-secondary education," said Superintendent DiBarri. "This is sure to be a fun and enriching night that will support those in our school community who need it most."

"Sip, savor, and support education-because every taste is a step toward brighter futures," said Special Education Administrator Victoria Colaianni.

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THE HEARTBEAT CENTER - Saint Joseph School (Wakefield) is thrilled to update the community on its fundraising efforts during Catholic Schools Week. The Battle of the Bills raised $2,905 for The Heartbeat Center. In addition to this much needed money, the school donated 10 boxes full of baby items. All in, teh school exceeded its fundraising goal and is excited to provide support to families in need. A special congratulations goes to 5th grade for winning the Battle of the Bills. They earned and enjoyed their ice cream party prize. Well deserved. Thank you to all of the families and students who generously gave to support this wonderful cause! Above, back row: Laurel Cappella, Maria Crane, Charles Sebuma, Joseph Cruz, Kayden Williams and John Casoli Front Row: Alexis Zapach, Mierna Chankhour, Sophie Hickey, Elizabeth Murphy, and Lucy Mauro. (Photo Courtesy of Amanda Jagiello)

• Real Estate Transfers •

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350 Cambridge St was sold to Eltobgi-Salem, Mai and Salem, Brian by Ahmed, Kashif A and Mocuta, Simona M for $860,000 on 01/31/24

12 Ellen Rd was sold to Scola, James P and Scola, Gina M by F & C Ft and Capotosto, Fermina L for $629,000 on 01/30/24

3 Maple St was sold to Devine, Angeliek and Weaver, Jonathan by Goossens William R Est and Goossens, Robert for $677,000 on 01/31/24

1 Sunset Dr was sold to Sharma, Lora M and Sharma, Rupendra by Moccaldi, Peter R and Moccaldi, Anna S for $895,000 on 02/02/24

33 Upland Rd was sold to Murphy, Kelly S and Murphy, Connor P by Morency, Scott P and Doane, Laura D for $820,000 on 01/31/24

85 Wilmington Rd was sold to Gandhi, Lalitkumar and Gandhi, Usha L by M & H Rt and Kostakis, Mihail M for $4,200,000 on 01/31/24

LYNNFIELD

9 Candlewood Rd was sold to Miller, David and Miller, Araxie by Mdm Design LLC for $1,428,000 on 02/02/24

10 Edgemere Rd was sold to Rando, Robert by Garcia, Derek M for $240,000 on 02/01/24

5 Northway was sold to Pasquale A Deleo Sr Irt and Deleo, Elizabeth A by Deleo, Alana N and Deleo, Anthony C for $600,000 on 02/01/24

1100 Salem St #68 was sold to Xuan, Hailong by Roberta A Breen Lt and Schaeffer, Laura for $375,000 on 01/31/24

NORTH READING

1 Elm St was sold to Mpm Companies LLC by 1 Elm Street Rt and Panzero, Michael for $348,000 on 01/30/24

177 North St was sold to Gallo, Robert P by Gallo, Robert P and Gallo, Natalie C for $267,500 on 01/31/24

20 Northridge Dr #20 was sold to Leay, Lee C by Cleri Ft and Cleri, Carol-Ann for $495,000 on 02/02/24

18 Poplar Ter was sold to Shaw, William and Shaw, Brendon by Frederick M Shaw & Sons for $302,689 on 01/31/24

2 Red Hill Rd was sold to Kyle Lange 2024 RET and Lange, Eivind by Bradbuilt Const Co LLC for $1,729,000 on 02/02/24

READING

9 Belmont St was sold to Chaiton, Janice by Duggan, William T for $702,000 on 01/29/24

35 Zachary Ln was sold to Ciano Jr, Angelo and Ciano, Jaime by Sorornejad, Neda A for $1,668,000 on 01/31/24

STONEHAM

18 Alden Ave was sold to Patel, Jay K and Patel, Prashasti J by Alden Avenue Stoneham Rt and Dietrich, Charles M for $860,000 on 01/29/24

16 Dean St was sold to Wenzel, Erin D by Defilippo, Justin R and Defilippo, Nancy E for $737,000 on 02/01/24

147 Franklin St was sold to A & F Realty Partners LLC by Saia Jr, Anthony for $650,000 on 02/01/24

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34 Bay State Rd was sold to Smith, Alexander J and Su, Cynthia by Lace Em Up LLC for $499,000 on 01/29/24

8 Brook St was sold to Vitavera Realty LLC by Rzepka, Jeffrey and Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc for $438,000 on 01/30/24

20 California Rd was sold to Baker, Edward and Baker, Karin by Wilson, Daniel J and Wilson, Sharon M for $435,000 on 01/31/24

65 Charme Rd was sold to Cady Construction LLC by Moakley, Richard J for $391,000 on 01/31/24

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23 Palm Dr was sold to Mazzola, Phillip G and Mazzola, Michelle by Chisholm, Donna V for $600,000 on 01/31/24

51 Valley Rd was sold to Ventura, Arturo by Carol A Bocchino Ft and Bocchino Jr, John A for $670,000 on 01/31/24

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46 Chestnut St #2 was sold to Burke, Diane M by Keohane, Isabel for $710,000 on 01/29/24

23 Cordis St was sold to Hausmann, Casey and Hausmann, Brian by Mcbain Jr, James H and Mcbain, Dolores J for $831,000 on 01/29/24

12 Fell St was sold to Yurchenco, Helen D and Shaw, Jonathan P by Peter & Faye Vale Ft and Lothian, Jane for $725,000 on 02/02/24

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19 Winn St was sold to G Force Winn LLC by Boudreau Paul E Est and Lowe, Mary E for $700,000 on 01/30/24

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7 Ferguson Rd was sold to Goldblatt, Brad and Castile, Natalie by Goldblatt, Louis R and Goldblatt, Karen L for $550,000 on 02/01/24

168 Lowell St #34 was sold to Miles, Amanda by 168 Lowell Street LLC for $729,900 on 01/29/24

60 North St was sold to Sherriff, Mackenzie M and Largenton, Michael A by Richburg, Caroyln E and Richburg, Julie for $575,000 on 01/30/24

28 Parker St was sold to Niero, Diorginis and Niero, Elaine by Wildcats Realty LLC for $910,000 on 01/30/24

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627-641 Main St was sold to Zakhem Automotive Grp Inc by Yirikian Real Estate LLC for $2,500,000 on 02/01/24

WOBURN

4 Archer Dr #2 was sold to Pang, Yiheng and Lou, Zhuohui by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $959,999 on 01/29/24

2 Brandt Dr was sold to Damico, Daniel M and Conti, Amy J by Fife, Joseph F and Fife, Marie M for $670,000 on 02/02/24

5 Colonial Rd was sold to Miller-Baush, Carol A by Miller, David for $140,000 on 02/01/24

5 Cooley Dr #27 was sold to Bhobe, Rahul U by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for $1,010,610 on 01/31/24

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6 Hope Ln was sold to Smith, Tucker and Miskunas, Nicole by Clausen, Eleanor L for $730,000 on 01/29/24

3 Independence Dr was sold to Baer, Eric V and Baer, Krystal L by Thomas Nt and Thomas, Christopher for $715,000 on 01/31/24

201 Main St #32 was sold to Deng, Huiling by Cirolo Shelley Jean Est and Cirolo, Lillian R for $579,898 on 01/30/24

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6 Stevin Dr was sold to Marvin, Heath and Marvin, Lydia by Cecchini, Joanne M for $975,000 on 01/29/24

20 Watson Ln was sold to Defilippo, Justin and Defilippo, Nancy by Drummy, Michael and Drummy, Deborah for $1,420,000 on 02/01/24

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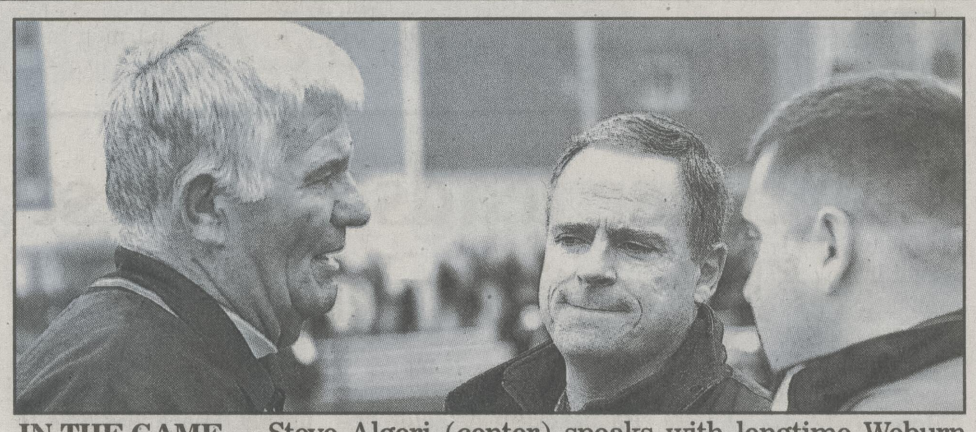
TAKING NOTES - Reporter Steve Algeri gathers game details for his expert hockey coverage. (Courtesy Photo)



IN THE GAME - Steve Algeri (center) speaks with longtime Woburn Football Coach Rocky Nelson (left) about the game. (Courtesy Photo)

• ALGERI FROM B-1

loved hockey. That was no secret. Legendary Reading track coach Hal Croft was so irritated at Steve's bias for the sport that he once quipped, "Chronicle is French for hockey." Steve loved that, and still jokes about it.

Yes, Steve pushed buttons. He offended a person or six along the way and made some lifelong critics. Some of the offense was justified. But sports writing needs an edge. The good sportswriters have always understood that pushing buttons is part of the game. It keeps readers on edge and coming back.

What would you have rather had? Someone who didn't care, or Steve, who cared deeply?

Coaches would tack up his headlines and use them as motivation and fuel, sometimes to win a state championship (as the Reading girls softball team did in 2001, when a preseason story headlined by Steve asked, "Is the cupboard bare?" on their season).

What you might know about Steve was his layout skills. Steve did beautiful work constructing the pages of the paper. That was where his true talent lay. We used to work side-by-side, standing in front of giant layout boards, and Steve was an artist with a knife. As was his ability to come up with quippy, engaging headlines. That all comes from a place of joy. Steve had a flair for the dramatic moments and knew how to play them up.

Steve was at the paper that spanned two distinct eras of newspapering. Prepagination, working on archaic green screen-computers, printing out columns of paper and laying out news pages with Xacto knives, wax, and rolls of tape. He'd comb through stacks of wonderful black and white photographs from the likes of Don Young, Bill Ryerson, and Joe Hakey. These guys would come in the pre-dawn dark and leave them on the sports desk. Later Joe Brown would do the same, transitioning to digital photography. Later he took to computer pagination like a duck to water.

Steve was a stickler for factual accuracy and in particular box scores. Every fact or record that his writers or DTC Twitter followers stated, he made it his "life's mission" to confirm or even better "prove wrong", haha. He put together years of preseason and Thanksgiving football supplements, updated league standings by hand, and kept all-time team and individual records for football, hockey, basketball, and more. I don't think anyone truly appreciates the wealth of information future historians or sports enthusiasts have at their disposal thanks to Steve's efforts. I believe he inherited this rigor from Rick Pearl, but Steve continued the tradition. Other short-lived newspapers that came into the community never had anything close to that depth, institutional knowledge, and above all, passion.

Steve was a mentor to many. He brought me up through the ranks, and many other aspiring sports writers. He taught me organization and the discipline of daily deadlines. Even when he had a round of golf at the Meadow Brook CC in his sights.

Beyond the work there were always plenty of laughs and regaling of past games and stories on tap.

Reading through the angry letters to the editor and listening to the profanity-laced voice mails to the Daily Times "Scorephone" always was a fun experience.

I have many fond memories of drinking coffee with Steve in the morning and swapping stories about games from the night prior, or great games from years prior. Steve shared those times with others in the One Arrow Drive office, including Steve DeMarco, John White, Gordon Vincent, Pam Mieth, the extended Haggerty family (owners of the DTC), and many others.

Steve and his wife Suzanne still live in Reading where they raised their family and where they met at the Chronicle office on Main Street over 40 years ago.

Steve watched his two children grow and compete in athletics. I know he was incredibly proud when his son Mike (RMHS Class of 2015) set the Reading High record for most three-pointers which still exists today.

Above all, Steve brought a genuine love for high school sports. More than 40 years. In a world of short attention spans and job hopping, Steve was always there. Now he leaves behind the keyboard and a huge void in local sports coverage for someone else to fill. Steve maintains an active Twitter account and I hope he keeps that going, keeping tabs on the scene and the quips coming from his virtual pressbox. Congratulations Steve on an amazing and iconic career. Enjoy your newfound freedom from the daily publishing deadlines and as always, the golf.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Lynn man arrested, charged with trafficking over 10 grams of fentanyl

Monday, February 12

6:57 a.m. - A 911 caller reported he was operating an 18-wheeler and made a wrong turn at Colab Road and Main Street. He needed an officer to assist with traffic so he could get turned around. Caller was blocking the roadway and reported traffic was starting to pile up. Police sent. Vehicle was able to turn around.

12:59 p.m. - Caller reported her vehicle was damaged sometime over the weekend in the parking lot of Leclair Plumbing and Heating. Police sent. Officer spoke to party. No items taken from the vehicle.

2:57 p.m. - Call for a male who got out of the motor vehicle and urinated in front of the National Grid driveway across from Marston Street. Police sent. Officer spoke to party. They checked out. Elderly male couldn't hold his bladder.

4:10 p.m. - Police flagged down by a passerby reported an erratic driver passing the fire station heading toward Livingston Street. Police sent They checked the area, but gone on arrival.

Tuesday, February 13

9:53 a.m. - Call from a nurse looking to report possibly physical abuse from a staff member at Blaire House. Police sent and officer filed a report.

2:23 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a male party yelling at the staff at Wendy's. Caller described the male as an older male with gray white hair, wearing a plaid jacket and tan pants. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

7:53 p.m. - Police were at East Street attempting to located a female with a warrant. Becky Kiefer, 44, of 193 Woodline Ave. in Pittsfield, was arrested and charged with fugitive from justice on court warrant, third offense of shoplifting by concealing, a warrant for larceny, a warrant for concealing, a warrant for fraud, a warrant for breaking and entering building for felony, and a warrant for larceny for more than $1,200.

10:06 p.m. - Employee reported an unwanted party that couldn't pay for her room at Fairfield Inn. Police sent and officer filed a report.

Wednesday, February 14

1:58 p.m. - Caller reported she had an incident on the Macs Air Farms selling expired Valentine's Day baskets. She stated they were out in the area on the side of the road tasseling people. Police sent. Nothing was found in the area.

5:21 p.m. - Caller reported erratic operator at River Road. Vehicle was heading into Lowell. Lowell Police Department was notified.

8:03 p.m. - Police out with a motor vehicle operator for trafficking of class A and disturbanction of class B at Extended Stay America. Soto Agramonte, 27, of 7 Liberty Square in Lynn, was arrested and charged with trafficking in more than 10 grams of fentanyl and distribute class B drugs.

Thursday, February 15

2:21 a.m. - Police off with a Penske truck at the donation bin in Knights of Columbus. It was a donation pickup company. Operator refused to speak to police further.

12:13 p.m. - A 911 caller stated there were two men he doesn't know inside his apartment at Archstone Avenue. He did hand the phone to one of the male parties who was maintenance for Archstone and was working with the water meter. Police confirmed that the two males in the unit were contracted to be in the unit. Caller just forgot. He agreed in the past for today's date for them to go in.

1:28 p.m. - Police out with a vehicle behind the Trahan School. Police spoke with the male party who was just parking there so he could go on a walk.

6:37 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver all over the roadway at Salem Road and Border Road. Police sent. Delphine Augustin, 44, of 110 Barbara D Lane in Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with OUI drugs, negligent operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a male walking down the street toward Shawsheen at Forster Road. Caller found this suspicious and could not provide a further description. Police sent. Party was a resident going for a walk.

Friday, February 16

3:45 a.m. - Police out with a motor vehicle at Ocean State Job Lot. The vehicle had been running behind for a few hours. The police reportedly checked the area and the suspicious party was just sleeping before work.

3:45 a.m. - Police out with a motor vehicle sitting in the parking lot occupied by two, showing expired sticker at Mobil Kickstart. Police cleared and it was an employee at the Dunkin'. She would be getting her registration squared away before she leaves work in the morning.

7:59 a.m. - Caller reported a male party wearing a tan jacket and blue jeans walking toward the state hospital past the baseball field at Livingston Street. Police sent. All cleared.

12:47 p.m. - Caller reported his roommate's friend was moving personal items into his child's bedroom at Astle Street. Police sent. Officer stated no violation, civil issue, report to follow.

Saturday, February 17

1:39 a.m. - Police off with a vehicle parked by the loading dock of the Tewksbury Memorial High School. Police cleared the area.

2:56 a.m. - Caller reported his friend took $70 of his and was threatening to call the cops on him at Motel 6. He doesn't know why. He was in the room, and she was in the lobby. Police sent. Both parties were spoken to and the male left. Officer filed a report.

3:44 p.m. - Caller reported her coworker was assaulted by a male party at McDonalds South. The male party left on foot wearing a yellow jacket and has an orange backpack heading toward Market Basket. Police sent. They were out with the male party in front of CVS. All cleared. They would be standing by waiting for the male's father. Officer filed a report.

Sunday, February 18

2:39 p.m. - Call for three juveniles riding up dirt bikes up and down the street with no helmet at Rogers Street. Police sent. They spoke to the juveniles and their parents. They have all been advised not to ride on the street anymore.

Wilmington Police Log

Car chase leads to arrest in Target parking lot

Friday, Feb. 9:

11:29 a.m.: A walk-in party from Nichols Street reported that on Feb. 7, at 11:59 a.m., his mailbox had been struck by a beige Ford Crown Victoria. The vehicle was seen heading towards Shawsheen Avenue.

7:09 p.m.: An unnamed male party was issued a summons for shoplifting by asportation. A male party reportedly accidentally pocket dialed 911, but soon after it was discovered that a male party left Richdale on Middlesex Avenue on foot after taking a can of Red Bull without paying.

10:45 p.m.: Dexter Deschenes Cayer of 3 Cayer Way, in Ipswich, was arrested for 2 counts of Assault and Battery on a person 60 or older/disabled, and resisting arrest. This followed after a request was made for officers at the Shriners on Fordham Road.

Saturday, Feb. 10:

12:42 a.m.: Denis I Hulse of 154 Flagstone Dr., Apt. #11, in Nashua, NH, was issued a summons for negligent operation of a motor vehicle, a marked lanes violation, and speeding. This followed an i-Phone crash detector reporting that his silver 2020 Honda HR-V had hit a pole on West Street.

12:34 p.m.: A man was spotted walking by the railroad tracks behind Planet Fitness approaching Middlesex Avenue, carrying tote bags. It was discovered that the man's totes were carrying collectables he purchased on Waltham Street, and that he was walking back to North Wilmington station so he could go back home to Boston.

5:50 p.m.: A juvenile female was seen kicking and breaking a small light fixture on someone's property on Shawsheen Avenue.

Sunday, Feb. 11:

5:46 a.m.: A manager at Red Heat Tavern on Lowell Street got a security notification at 5:44 a.m. of a white man in his early/mid 60's taking the restaurant's beer kegs from a fenced-in area in the back. The manager will call back later that day if he can find anything more from security footage.

10:38 a.m.: Staff at Advinia Care on West Street reported a patient being unruly. Peace was able to be restored, the patient was unhappy about some rules, but was back in his room.

1:05 p.m.: A caller at Market Basket on Main Street reported a female party inside the store who started yelling at him and making racial comments. Police spoke with both parties involved, and nothing done warranted further action.

Monday, Feb. 12:

2:27 a.m.: Sophia Morieta Rego of 18 Magazine St., in Wilmington, was arrested for OUI-Liquor over .08%, a marked lanes violation, and not having a valid inspection sticker. This followed a stop of her green 2007 Nissan Altima on Aldrich Road and Forest Street.

Tuesday, Feb. 13:

2:37 a.m.: Chelmsford police requested Wilmington police check the area around Woodside Avenue and Brentwood Avenue for a male party. They stated a female party broke up with him and that he was now threatening to kill her and himself. His phone was pinged in the woods in Wilmington, and may possibly have a firearm in his possession. Woburn police ended up finding the man and sectioning him.

8:49 a.m.: A gray 2022 Honda Pilot and a gray 2022 Range Rover were involved in a motor vehicle accident near the Super Petroleum on Main Street. No injuries were reported.

9:35 a.m.: Ingrid Tevenal of 370 Woburn St., in Wilmington, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to stop for police, negligent operations of a motor vehicle, warrant all others, a marked lanes violation, and possession of a class B drug. This followed a caller stating they saw a car take off with someone holding onto it. A car chase ensued, and the driver was taken into custody in the parking lot of the Target on Ballardvale Street.

Wednesday, Feb. 14:

5:58 a.m.: Brayam Josue Nova Osorio of 22 McKenn St., Apt. #1, in Waltham, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding in violation of special regulations. This followed a stop of his white 2023 Toyota Camry on Eames Street.

6:33 a.m.: A black 2016 Chevy Silverado and a gray 2022 Toyota Corolla were involved in a motor vehicle accident on Main Street and Richmond Street. Airbags were deployed. Efforts to assist were delayed by a train passing by.

2:28 p.m.: A gray 2014 Acura MDX and a green 2023 Kia Niro were involved in a motor vehicle accident near the Mr. Ticket on Lowell Street. The Acura appeared to have rear ended the Kia. No injuries were reported, and police assisted with paperwork exchange.

Thursday, Feb. 15:

5:06 a.m.: A two-car motor vehicle accident was reported on the I-93 SB Rt. 35 Ramp. No injuries were reported, the state police ended up handling the situation.

2:08 p.m.: An argument between the manager and a patron was reported at the Simard's on Main Street. The argument was verbal in nature, and the parties were sent on their way.

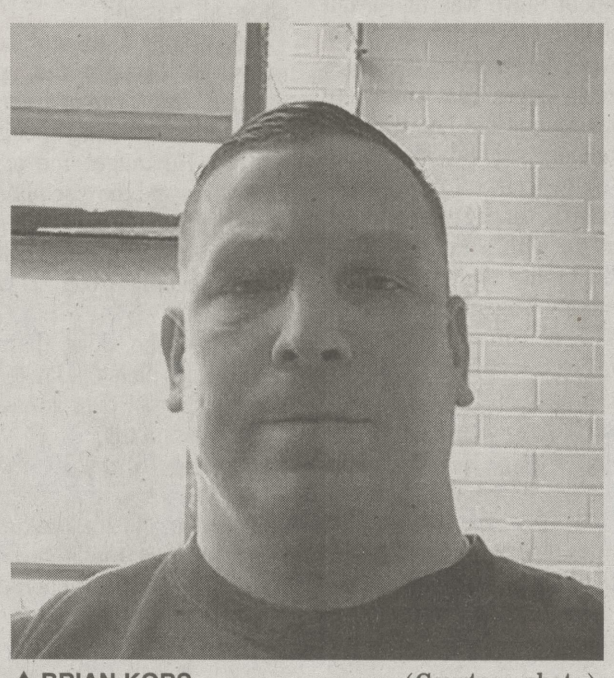
8:03 p.m.: A walk-in party reported a past motor vehicle accident at Lowell Street and Woburn Street between a black 2014 Jeep Compass and a blue 2014 Honda Odyssey, and complained of neck pain, but refused to go to hospital. A female party involved in the accident was taken to the hospital for evaluations. However, no damage was visible on either vehicle. Police assisted with paperwork exchange.

Tewksbury State Hospital stabbing suspect arrested

TEWKSBURY — Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department arrested and charged a man in connection with a stabbing at Tewksbury State Hospital, and that the department is additionally charging the defendant with assaulting two police officers while being booked.

Brian Kobs, 39, of Gloucester, was arrested and charged with:

- Attempted Murder
- Breaking and Entering (misdemeanor)
- Possession of a Class E Drug
- Assault and Battery with Dangerous Weapon
- Assault and Battery on a Police Officer (Two Counts)
- Threatening to Commit a Crime (Two Counts)
- Assault with a Dangerous Weapon
- Two Outstanding Warrants



▲ BRIAN KOBS (Courtesy photo)

On Thursday, Feb. 15, at approximately 7 p.m., Tewksbury Police were notified of an assault on the grounds of the Tewksbury State Hospital.

Officers arrived to discover that an individual had been stabbed during an altercation between parties who are known to each other. The suspect, later identified as Kobs, then fled the area.

The victim was taken to a local hospital for treatment of injuries that did not appear to be life-threatening.

The Tewksbury Police Department Drone Unit, Massachusetts State Police Air Wing, and multiple K-9 units assisted in the search for Kobs.

On Friday, Feb. 16, at approximately 8:46 a.m. Tewksbury officers were dispatched to the area of Lee Street for possible citing of a suspicious person and located Kobs in a shed.

Kobs was taken into custody without incident and was treated at a local hospital for minor injuries.

Upon being released from the hospital, Kobs subsequently attacked two police officers while being booked the Tewksbury Police Department and threw a telephone at an officer. Tewksbury Police filed additional charges against Kobs as a result.

Kobs is being held without bail at the Tewksbury Police Department and is expected to be arraigned Tuesday in Lowell District Court.

These are allegations. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

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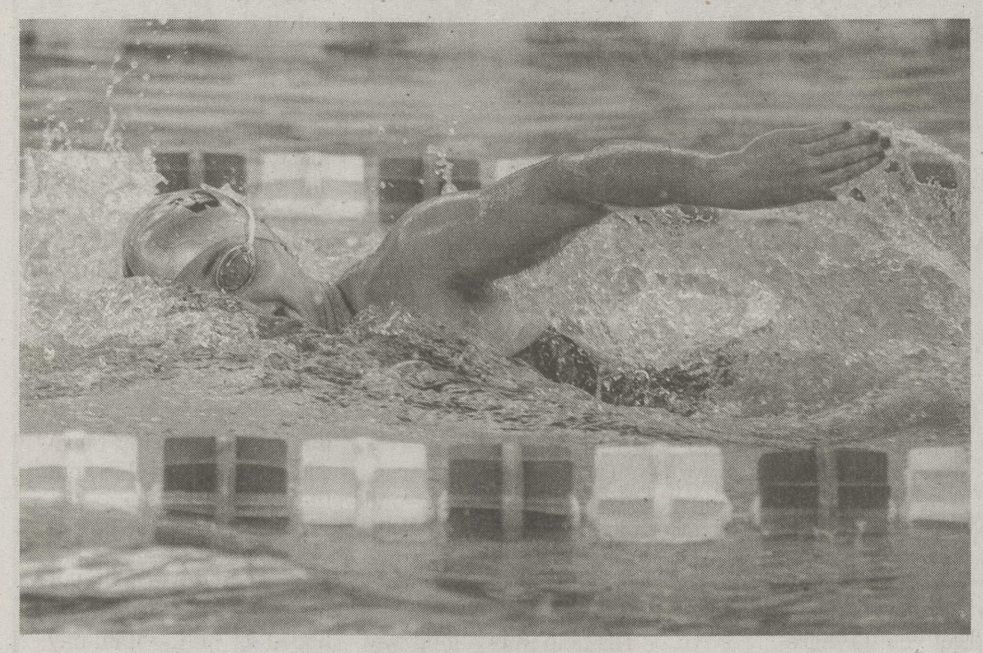

Kelley wins crown in 500

Wildcats places in two events at state finals

◀North Reading/Wilmington Kyla Kelley swims the 200 yard freestyle during the meet vs Manchester Essex.

By DOUG HASTINGS
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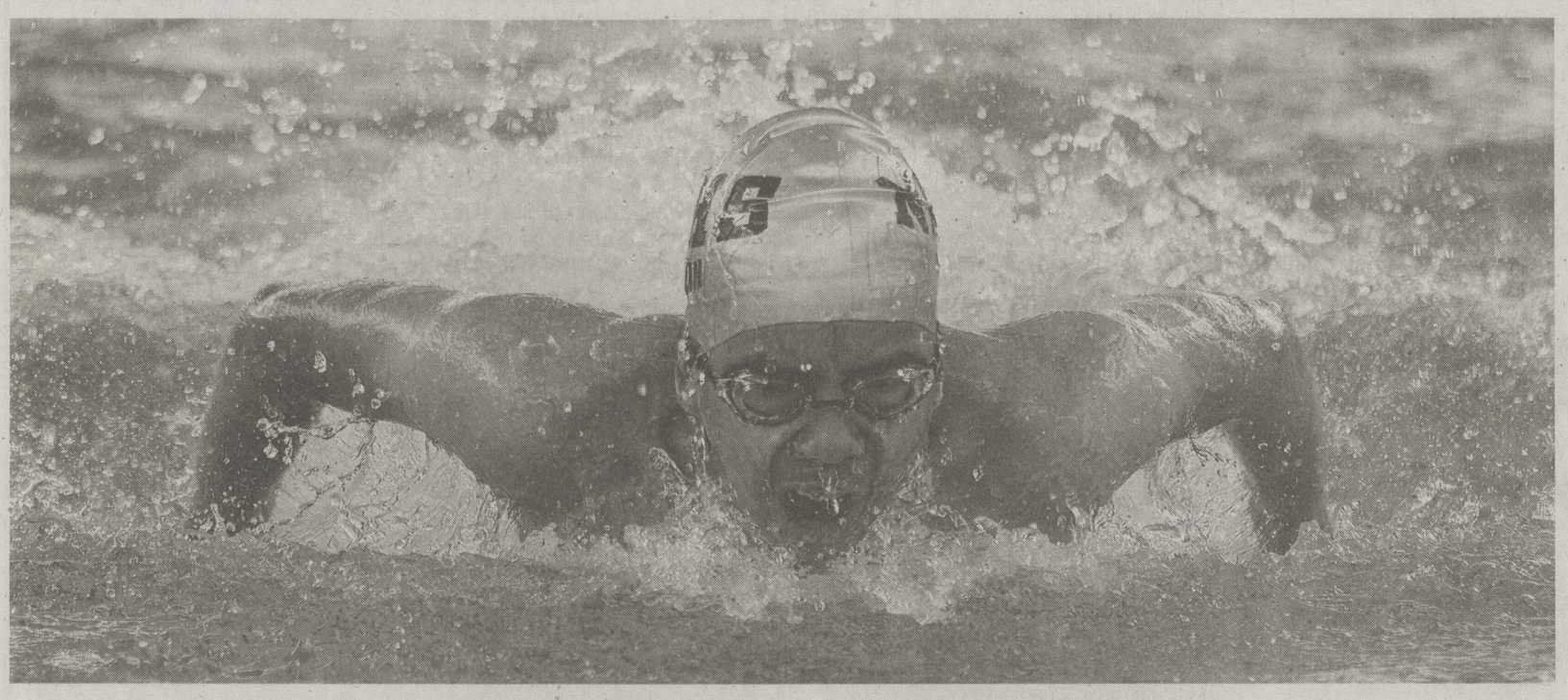
The Wilmington/North Reading High swim teams did well at the postseason meets recently.

Wilmington's Kyla Kelley is the state champ in the 50-yard freestyle and placed third in the 200-yard freestyle.

At the boys sectional event, Cole Falk had two personal bests in the 200-yard freestyle (sixth place) and 100-yard butterfly (third place). Spencer Bagtaz had a personal best in the 100-yard backstroke and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Falk, Bagtaz, Dat Tran and Declan Savage also swam to a school-record time.



◀North Reading/Wilmington's Dat Tran performs the butterfly during the 200 yard medley relay against Manchester Essex.

(Photos by James Thomas Photography)

Wildcat track teams solid at state meet

Girls finish ninth, boys are 23rd in Div. 4 finals

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The Wilmington High boys and girls track and field teams competed at the Div. 4 state championship meet at the Reggie Lewis Center on Sunday, Feb. 18.

The girls team was ninth with 19 points and the boys team placed 23rd with 7.5 points.

Mollie Osgood advanced to this weekend's all-state meet with a second-place performance in the high jump after clearing 5 feet, 2 inches.

In all, the Wildcat girls had five top-seven finishes.

Alexis LeBlanc had an extremely busy day.

She was sixth in the 55-mete dash in 7.49 seconds, her personal-best time and the seventh fastest in WHS history. She was also sixth in the long jump, breaking the school record with a distance of 16 feet, 7.5 inches.

LeBlanc also anchored the 4x200 relay that finished seventh in 1:51.72, the ninth fastest time in WHS history.

She teamed with Emily Grace, Alexis Melvin and Cate MacDonald.

Wilmington also placed in the 4x800 relay with a foursome of Addy Hunt, Charlotte Kiley, Maeve White and Isabel Carriere, who finished sixth in 10:44.29.

Osgood added a 13th-place finish in the 55-meter hurdles in a personal-best time of 9.81 seconds.

Other performances for the Wildcats saw Ali Doherty finish 25th in the dash in 7.81 seconds while two girls ran in both the 1000-meter run and the 300-meter dash. In the 1000, Hunt was 13th in 3:12.18 and Kiley was 25th in 3:25.14.

In the 300, Melvin placed 17th in a personal-best time of 44.73 seconds and Mac Donald was 28th in 46.45.

The boys had two athletes place.

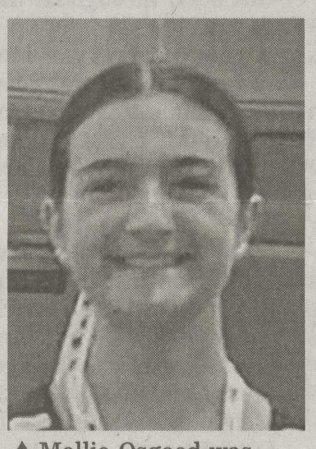
Sean Patrone was fourth in the high jump after clearing 5 feet, 10 inches and Jameson Burns was sixth in the 1000 in 2:41.04, his personal-best time and the fifth fastest ever run by a Wildcat.

Other individual performances at the state meet saw Hunter Sands finish 30 th in the 55-meter hurdles in 9.46 seconds, Michael Dynan take 41st in the mile in 5:02.25, Nathan Cardin end up 27th in the 1000 in 3:00.56, Ashvin Baker take 13 th in the 300-meter dash in 37.66 seconds, Martin Philiossaint finish 21 st in the long jump with a distance of 18 feet, 9.5 inches and Dean Ciampa and David Dynan both ran the two mile with Ciampa taking 13th in 10:35.55 and Dynan ending up 30th in 11:03.1, a new personal best.

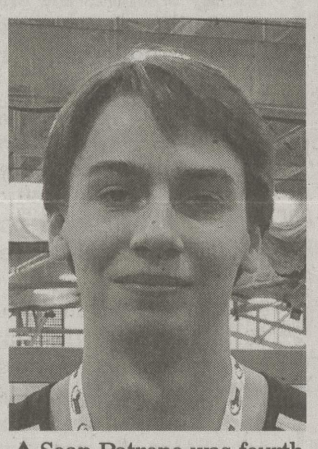
The boys ran in all three relays.

The 4x200 combination of Baker, Philiossaint, Cameron Jenks and Jonathan Foresyth was 20th in 1:38.71, the 4x800 grouping of Burns, Michael Dynan, Aidan Burke and Nathan Cardin was 12th in 9:05.07 and the 4x400 team of Philiossaint, Jenks, Ciampa and Baker placed 12th in 3:45.42.

▲Alexis LeBlanc had a big day at the Div. 4 state meet, breaking the school record in the long jump. (Courtesy photo)



▲Mollie Osgood was second in the high jump last weekend and advanced to the all-state finals. (Courtesy photo)



▲Sean Patrone was fourth in Div. 4 in the high jump. (Courtesy photo)

Boys hoop blasts Saugus, 57-33

Spencer's return sparks Wildcats to victory

By JASON COOKE
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So you're saying there's a chance?

Despite a 4-14 record, the Wilmington High School boys basketball team is still eyeing a possible playoff berth with two games left on their season slate.

Currently ranked No. 44 in the Div. 3 field, the Wildcats have a lot of ground to make up to jump into the top 32.

If Wilmington can pull off double-digit wins in their final two games this week, it's possible — and the 'Cats certainly set the framework for success in their pair of matchups against Saugus and Dracut.

After being sidelined the entirety of the season due to an injury sustained on the football field, Noah Spencer made his long-awaited return to the parquet on Thursday night at WHS for senior night. In the 57-33 win over Saugus, Spencer led his team with 11 points.

"It was great," said WHS coach Jon Amico. "He was fired up a couple of days at practice before, and then all game he was fired up to be back."

Michael Oatis and Austin Harper each picked up nine points in the widespread offensive effort.

"That was a lot of fun," said Amico. "The place was packed, the fourth graders played at halftime, it was a lot of fun."

After leading for most of Monday night's non-conference matchup with Dracut, Wilmington ultimately came up just short in the end, falling 63-61.

"They have two really big kids who were just getting into the paint and scoring," said Amico. "Balter had four fouls, and Tiago had four fouls, so we had to be careful defensively."

It was the first game all season where four Wildcats notched double digits in points.

Oatis (17), Ben Marvin (16), Tiago Gomez (11), and Ayden Balter (10) headlined the offense.

"I thought we played pretty well," said Amico. "We were winning the whole game too, we just lost it at the end.

"I know Dracut doesn't really have a good record, but they're a tough team," he continued. "Anybody in that Merrimack Valley league is good. They would give a lot of teams in the Middlesex a run, they play really hard."

Wilmington played Wakefield (Tuesday) and Greater Lowell Tech (Wednesday), holding out even the smallest amount of hope that the tournament is on the table.

The stretch marks three games in three days fo the 'Cats, but Amico believes his team is up for the challenge.

"Three games in a row is going to be tough on my guys that play a lot of minutes, but if we lose (Tuesday) then Wednesday doesn't matter," he said. "We have to leave it all out there (Tuesday)."

▲Wilmington's Christian Febbo gets some air over Dracut's Fabian Lopez as he goes for the layup.

The Cooke Book:

Archer making a splash for Wildcats

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TEWKSBURY — Roughly three months ago, Ryan Archer was anxiously waiting to hear his name called while the Wilmington High School boys hockey team was making decisions on who would be on the varsity team.

Just a freshman, Archer possessed all the necessary skills to debut with the big club: speed, awareness, puck possession, you name it. But he was young, and his game required some fine-tuning before that shot would come.

Ultimately, his name wasn't called.

On Wednesday night, Archer heard his name, and it wasn't from a coach reading off a clipboard — it was through a microphone over the speakers at the Breakaway Ice Center in Tewksbury as a member of the WHS varsity team.

Archer found twine twice, quarterbacking the Wildcats past Stoneham by a score of 5-2 in an instrumental Middlesex League showdown.

"I saw Colin Allard going up the side with the puck, so I just went to the net," Archer recalled of his first-period goal. "It just flew up in front, empty net, and tapped it in. It felt amazing."

As the varsity squad was enduring a rough stretch of games where they were hamstrung from finding secondary scoring, coach Steve Scanlon made a phone call to junior varsity coach John Bernis.

"We were in that thing where we couldn't find another goal scorer," said Scanlon.

"Anybody other than my first line was not scoring. We brought (Archer) to practice, and I watched him a little, and he's got some skill. He has good ice vision."

"Steve called and said they were having trouble scoring goals, and he was going to have Ryan play Saturday," recalled Bernis. "He did well, and they kept him there."

Ever since his call-up a few weeks ago, Archer has become a mainstay on Scanlon's second line. After scoring his first two goals on Wednesday, he picked up a crucial assist in the team's 3-0 blanking of Billerica on Monday night. It's safe to say Bernis will be without his top scorer the rest of the way.

"For us, it's awful because we lost him," Bernis said with a laugh.

It's not easy to fall short of making the varsity squad, especially for a player like Archer, who arrived on the scene with raw talent. Some players might hang their heads, or think they are too good to play on the JV squad. Archer isn't one of those players.

"He showed up with the right attitude," said Bernis. "A lot of kids sometimes, whether they feel should be on varsity or not, instead of working harder and saying I'll make the JV better. Some of them get the other attitude."

Archer embraced his development, working on a more complete style of game that would translate to varsity. He took the constructive criticism and ran with it.

"He has a great offensive skillset for his age," said Bernis. "I told him we had to work on his two-hundred-foot game, so we worked on a few things with him, and he took to it. It helped him more and more, and I said I'm going to talk to Steve and try to get you up there."

Archer began to let the game come to him, becoming a more rounded player up and down the ice to accompany his ability to light the lamp. The adjustment paid off.

"That experience was good," said Archer. "I kind of just learned playing my hardest every game, and goals will come, assists will come, and points will come.

"It was in the back of my head the whole time," he said of the potential of being called up. "I just kept grinding basically, hoping that I'd eventually get the call-up, and that's what happened."

When Archer received his long-awaited shot on varsity, it didn't take too long to acclimate himself to the faster, more competitive style of play.

"They were really struggling with the second line, so I got asked to come up and come help," he said. "It started clicking from there."

His help went a long way on Wednesday night, opening the scoring on a rebound goal before sealing the victory with an empty-netter with two minutes left on the clock.

"It was huge," Archer said of the win. "They're above us in the standings a little bit, so coming off a big win against them is really going to help us out in the long run."

Archer was all over pucks, using his speed to find the danger areas while playing a responsible two-way game. Scanlon has liked what he's seen from the youngster thus far.

"He's been a little bit of a lift for us, a little spark for us on that second line," said Scanlon.

"I like getting pucks in deep, banging the body, and just trying my hardest every time I'm out there," said Archer.

Now, Archer will be the example for every other aspiring player who didn't receive the news they'd hoped for on the final day of tryouts.

"It goes to show you that the cards may not fall where you want them to, but with the right attitude and the work and staying focused, you'll get there," said Bernis. "It was a perfect example."

Boys hockey tops Melrose

Wildcats gearing up for Div. 4 state tournament

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Life isn't easy for young hockey teams in the Middlesex League, but membership does have its privileges.

The Wilmington High boys hockey team beat Melrose last Wednesday and lost to Burlington on Saturday. After the pair of games, despite a record below .500, WHS is still ranked within the top 10 in Div. 4 as the state tournament approaches.

In a 3-1 win over Melrose, 'Cat scorers included senior Dan Langunilla, senior Bobby Cyr and junior Tyler Florencio, who potted his first varsity goal.

Against Burlington, a tournament-bound team in Div. 1, Wilmington and the Red Devils were tied in the third period before BHS scored twice in the final 15 minutes of play on the way to a 3-1 victory.

Down 1-0 after the first period, WHS tied it at 2:47 of the second when Cyr scored, assisted by junior Matt O'Brien.

Burlington scored two four-on-four goals in the third period, the first by junior Jake Sloan at 2:36 and the second only 85 seconds later by junior Seumas McMakin.

The Wildcats had a power play with four minutes left and had several good opportunities from Lagunilla, senior Joey Malvone and sophomore Colin Allard, but could not get any closer.

Wilmington's defense was solid throughout the game.

Junior goalie Tyler Marinho made several good stops while a group comprised of O'Brien, Langunilla, Cyr and Allard helped kill a Burlington power play.

The first period saw Burlington take a lead at the five-minute mark when senior Charlie Andriolo scored with the Red Devils skating 5 on 3. McMakin and junior Chris D'Alleva earned assists.

The Wildcat offense also showed some life early as senior Adam Ebert and Lagunilla had bids in the first period, Lagunilla off an excellent feed from Cyr.

▲ Tyler Florencio makes a play against Burlington. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

▶ Bobby Cyr makes a play in Burlington on Saturday. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

▼ Ryan Weinstein keeps a puck in the zone against the Red Devils. (Photo by Doug Hastings)

Girls hoop edged by Tyngsborough

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A slow start ultimately hamstrung the Wilmington High School girls basketball team from coming away with a win last Thursday night.

The Tigers got off to a quick 12-2 run, putting the Wildcats on their heels in their penultimate game of the regular season. Although the Wildcats fought back — taking the lead in the third quarter — a strong Tyngsborough squad beat them to the finish line in a 54-48 win at WHS.

"It was really the beginning of the game," said WHS coach Chris Frissore. "We came out flat, and we got down 10 early, and it took us a whole quarter to get going. We need to come out ready to play."

The 'Cats regrouped after Frissore called a timeout midway through the opening quarter. Eva Boudreau ignited their offense, scoring 16 of her 20 points in the first half.

Wilmington began to stretch the floor, quickening their transition up the court, which caused problems for the Tyngsborough defense.

"We've gotten a lot better at it, but there's times where we go back to dribbling the ball up the court," said Frissore. "The fastest way up the court is to (pass) the ball up the court. If you pass the ball up the court, the defense can't set up. It's harder for them to match up, and the looks get easier."

However, Wilmington found itself trailing by 10 points with 5:30 to play in the first half.

The Wildcats responded with a 13-3 run, knotting the contest at 27 headed into the break.

Alle Delgenio (7 points), Jill Collins (5 points), and Erin McCarthy (3 points) rounded out the Wilmington offense.

With 40 seconds remaining on the clock, Boudreau created an opening with a nasty crossover dribble at the top of the key, dishing it to McCarthy on the wing. McCarthy kept the rock moving to Ali McElligott, who drained a long corner jump shot to give the 'Cats the lead.

A subsequent Tyngsborough free throw tied the game.

But the 'Cats needed more in the second half, and Summer Sands delivered. The sophomore netted seven of her 10 points in the second half, keeping Wilmington afloat.

"I had a feeling she was going to have a good game today," said Frissore. "She's been playing really well. We have some really good offensive players, but it's really good to have another one. She's starting to feel more comfortable, and that makes it a lot easier, especially going into tournament time."

The teams traded baskets throughout the third, picking up the pace in a competitive quarter of play. It wasn't until the final two minutes of the period that Tyngsborough began to slip away, using a 12-4 run to take a 45-39 lead into the fourth.

The 'Cats executed a successful full-court press, coming up with a pair of turnovers, but Wilmington couldn't cut past a four-point deficit to knot the game. Despite the loss, it's the kind of game Frissore wants his team to get accustomed to with the postseason on the horizon.

"They have some players," said the coach. "They can play. I feel like we could have won that game, but to be going back and forth like that is definitely a good thing. We've had a lot of those games now, and I feel like it is good for us heading into the tournament, where there might be a few close games."

Wilmington battles with Wakefield in their final regular season matchup on Thursday.

▲ Lily Mackenzie fires a slap shot past Zoe Blackburn of Melrose during second period action at Flynn Ice Rink.

Girls hockey wins a tight one

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The Wilmington/Stoneham High girls hockey team traveled to Melrose last Saturday and came away with a 1-0 overtime win.

Goalie Maddie Sainato had 30 saves between the pipes for W-S.

The game winning goal was scored by Vivian Savoie.

The win moves the girls to 10-8-1 on the season as they prepare for the Div. 2 state tournament.

Four WHS wrestlers advance to all-state meet

Bryson captures girls state title in big day for 'Cats

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The Wilmington High wrestling team had a solid showing at the Div. 3 state championships last weekend.

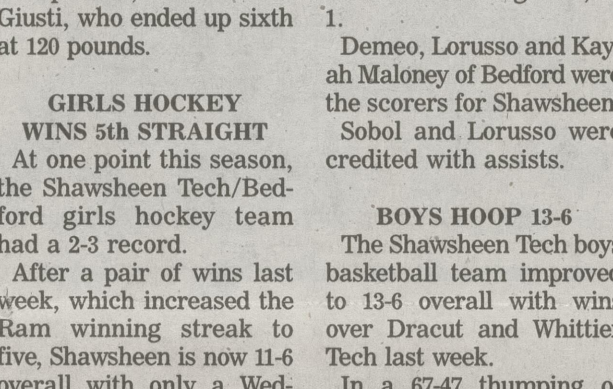
For the first time since 2007, four Wildcats have advanced to the all-state finals led by senior Hannah Bryson, who won the Div. 3 championship in the girls division.

For the boys, Julien Cella was third at 150 pounds, Mohaned Said was fourth at 190 and Clyde Lambert placed sixth at heavyweight, Cella went 4-1 in his weight class, winning three matches by fall while Said went 3-2 at 190.

Lambert won two matches at heavyweight.

Braedon Almas also represented WHS at 132 pounds, winning a gritty 6-4 decision in the consolation tournament.

Bryson won three matches on her way to the title, two by decision and one by first-period fall.



◀ Wilmington's Hannah Bryson fights for control against Shawsheen Tech's Aiden Pimintel. Aiden Pimmental won the match by pin.

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Boys hockey in state vocational finals on Saturday

Wrestlers finish third in Div. 1, Tildsleys both win state titles

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With two games remaining in the regular season, the Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team stands with a record of 17-1 overall.

Shawsheen has already wrapped up the Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship and will play for the state's vocational crown on Saturday before pursuing the Div. 3 state championship.

The vocational final will be at 6 p.m. at the Warrior Ice Arena in Boston against Diman Regional of Fall River.

The Rams are currently ranked third in the state in their division with a Tuesday game at Methuen and a Thursday visit to Watertown at 6 p.m. to close out the campaign.

On Thursday, Shawsheen skated to a 4-1 win over Marblehead, who was a top-10 team in Div. 3 heading into the game.

The Rams took a 1-0 lead just 53 seconds into the contest when senior Keenan Considine won a faceoff and snapped a shot on goal before junior Darion Considine pounced on the rebound and scored.

The all-Considine tally put the 'Cats ahead to stay.

Shawsheen continued to press in the opening stanza.

Senior Brody Amenkowicz, sophomore Jacoby Patterson and Wilmington sophomore Ben Gibbons all had good chances.

With 1:48 left in the period shortly after the Rams killed a power play, junior Dylan Higson of Bedford set up goal No. 2 for Shawsheen with a beautiful move and pass to senior Chase Darcey of Billerica, who tapped the puck into a wide-open net.

Defensively, senior goalie Mike Cedrone of Billerica had two great stops while senior Colin Lawson had a bone-jarring check to spark the Ram blue liners.

Sophomore Justin Thibert of Wilmington hit the post with a shot early in the second period and the Ram offense would click late.

At 9:15 with Shawsheen on the power play, Darcey scored his second of the game with an assist to senior Kyle Gray of Wilmington.

Gray would set up Darcey three minutes later to make it 4-0, giving Darcey a hat trick and Shawsheen a comfortable cushion.

Just before the period ended, Marblehead finally got on the board when junior James Caeran converted on the power play, assisted by junior Sean Dolan.

Shawsheen preserved its lead in the third period, killing two penalties.

Cedrone had his usual solid outing between the pipes.

Two nights later, the Rams skated to a 7-3 victory over Haverhill, a team that the Rams edged by a 3-2 score on Jan. 4.

In that victory, six different players had goals.

Gray had two goals and an assist, Patterson had a goal and an assist, and other scorers were Gibbons, senior Jake Ryan of Tewksbury, senior Liam Milne of Wilmington and Keenan Considine.

Darcey had three assists for the Rams and others with assists were Lawson, Amenkowicz and Darion Considine.

WRESTLERS 3rd AT D1 TOURNEY

The Shawsheen Tech wrestling team had two individual state champions and saw five grapplers advance to this weekend's all-state tournament at last weekend's Div. 1 state tournament.

Junior Sid Tildsley won his third straight Div. 1 championship at 138 pounds while sophomore James Tildsley was the champion at 144 pounds.

A program rich in success, Sid became the school's first ever three-time state champion. James is just the fifth Ram grappler to win back-to-back state crowns.

Also enjoying successful weekends was Caleb Caceres, who was a runner-up at 132 pounds, Dante Graziano, who was third at 113 pounds, and Dante Giusti, who ended up sixth at 120 pounds.

GIRLS HOCKEY WINS 5th STRAIGHT

At one point this season, the Shawsheen Tech/Bedford girls hockey team had a 2-3 record.

After a pair of wins last week, which increased the Ram winning streak to five, Shawsheen is now 11-6 overall with only a Wednesday game against Gloucester remaining in the regular season.

Shawsheen beat Medford by a 3-0 score.

Elise McEachern of Bedford earned her first varsity shutout in net while Sophia Demeo of Bedford and Becca Sobol of Bedford scored twice. Violet Lorusso had two assists for the Rams while Shawsheen's Corrine Foley and Sophia Babington of Bedford also earned assists.

The Rams also topped Masconomet Regional, 3-1.

Demeo, Lorusso and Kayah Maloney of Bedford were the scorers for Shawsheen.

Sobol and Lorusso were credited with assists.

BOYS HOOP 13-6

The Shawsheen Tech boys basketball team improved to 13-6 overall with wins over Dracut and Whittier Tech last week.

In a 67-47 thumping of Whittier, junior Matt Breen of Wilmington continued his dominating late-season surge with 30 points which included 12 in the first quarter and 13 in the third. Sophomore Dyllon Pratt added 14 points and junior Franck Moron scored 11.

Shawsheen led 15-8 after one quarter and 27-21 at halftime before blowing things open in quarter No. 3. The Rams outscored Whittier 23-5 to take a 50-26 lead into the final eight minutes.

Shawsheen beat Dracut, 65-56.

A balanced Ram attack saw Breen and Moron each score 16, senior Ryan Copson of Wilmington add 15 and sophomore Jevon Moron chip in with nine.

The third quarter was once again when the Rams erupted.

Shawsheen led 30-27 at halftime before outscoring the Middies by a 24-13 margin in the third quarter to lead 54-40 heading into the fourth.

Shawsheen finished the regular season on Tuesday at Bristol Plymouth.

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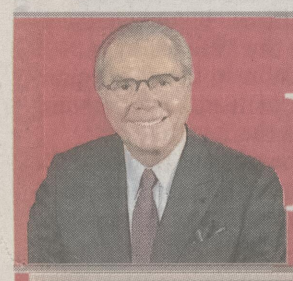

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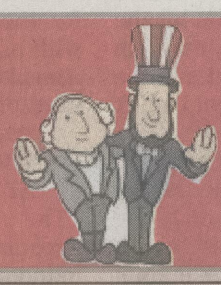

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